

Whereas, our schools continue to align protocols with instructions issued by the Ministry of Education and guidelines provided by Toronto Public Health, including cohorting and modified semester timetables;

Whereas, student, parent, and staff voice have indicated frustration and challenges of the modified semester system;

Whereas, students have missed out on significant developmental milestones and opportunities during the course of the pandemic;

Therefore, be it resolved that

- 1) The Chair write to the Minister of Education to
 - a) echo our support for the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) October 28th, 2021 letter to the Minister of Education, which calls for a variety of important measures to improve the experience of our students, including the elimination of pandemic-related schedules such as the modified-semester schedule for Term 2, and a call to add the Covid-19 vaccine to the list of designated diseases in Ontario Regulation 261/13 Designated Diseases under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA);
 - b) Express desire to have as many students as possible back in person, in school, for Term 2, given vaccination eligibility for those born in 2009 and earlier; and
 - c) Request that the Ministry of Education release pandemic funding grant dollars for the second half of the school year so that the TDSB can plan accordingly knowing we can afford to keep risk mitigation measures in place and support pandemic education recovery plans.
- 2) That OPSBA be copied on this correspondence.