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Mr. Brendan Browne
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Dear Mr. Browne, Assoc. Director Della Mora, Assoc. Director Boyce:

**RE: PARENTS & COMMUNITY REQUEST: REINSTATE THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE DAY PROGRAM
AND PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY OF THE DECISION-MAKING**

I hope all is well.

For fifty years, the International Languages (IL) Day Program has been a part of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB). At its peak, it served students in 44 schools, and as recently as this year, it continued to operate in 39 schools. For five decades, the TCDSB found funding because it recognized that heritage language education is not a luxury, it is identity, culture, faith and belonging.

Families have been recently told that the IL Day Program will end in September 2026.

At a minimum, parents and the community deserve a transparent, itemized breakdown of the International Languages Day Program's costs, including both financial expenditures and staffing resources, within the TCDSB's approximately \$1.3 billion annual operating budget.

They deserve transparency regarding the process that led to this decision, including how and why the recommendation to discontinue the International Languages Day Program was developed, reviewed, and approved, and whether this process began before the Ministry of Education assumed supervision of the Board. The parents and community members copied on this email respectfully request a clear explanation of the rationale, process and considerations that informed this decision.

At a time when families are already struggling with skyrocketing property taxes, rising utility bills, soaring grocery and gas prices, and the increasing cost of living in Toronto, offloading the financial responsibility for the International Languages Day Program onto parents and community organizations is neither equitable nor sustainable and could place additional financial pressure on families.

Parents and the community members copied on this email respectfully request that the Toronto Catholic District School Board reconsider this decision and reinstate the International Languages Day Program for September 2026. A program that has successfully served thousands of children for about fifty years and continues to be valued by students, families, and communities across 39 schools should not be discontinued without meaningful consultation, transparency, and a clear understanding of the rationale behind the decision.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Teresa Lubinski

cc: Mr. Paul Calandra, Minister of Education
Mr. Frank Benedetto, Ministry's appointed Supervisor
Parents/Guardians & Community members