

## SUMMARY DECISIONS

### Regular Meeting

August 25, 2021

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	Agenda Item	Agenda Page
<p data-bbox="186 625 1474 695"><b>Update on the Ministry of Education’s COVID-19 Immunization Disclosure Policy and Testing Requirements</b></p> <p data-bbox="186 730 469 762">The Board decided:</p> <p data-bbox="186 785 1357 854">Whereas, public education is the cornerstone and foundation of a healthy, vital and progressive society; and</p> <p data-bbox="186 875 1466 945">Whereas, keeping schools open has been deemed a priority for children’s learning, mental health and well-being; and</p> <p data-bbox="186 966 1466 1035">Whereas, data shows that being fully vaccinated significantly reduces the risks of the most serious outcomes of COVID-19, including the variants of concern to date; and</p> <p data-bbox="186 1056 1507 1157">Whereas, vaccines are readily available throughout the City of Toronto through pop-up clinics across the city and in TDSB schools, mobile units, pharmacies, and city-run vaccination centres; and</p> <p data-bbox="186 1178 1503 1281">Whereas, it is incumbent upon society to protect children under 12 years who are ineligible to be vaccinated at this time and vulnerable populations who are at highest risk of developing complications from COVID-19; and</p> <p data-bbox="186 1302 1500 1444">Whereas, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore, acknowledged in his August 17, 2021 press conference that the Provincial Government’s recommendations are “always a baseline“, it is incumbent upon the TDSB to consider the population we serve and ensure we are creating as safe an environment as possible; and</p> <p data-bbox="186 1465 1472 1535">Whereas, Ontario has a precedent for requiring vaccinations to protect children and ensure schools remain as safe as possible;</p> <p data-bbox="186 1556 545 1587">Therefore, be it resolved:</p> <p data-bbox="237 1608 1500 1751">(a) That the Director develop a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination procedure to cover all TDSB staff, trustees and visitors to disclose and provide proof of vaccination status so that TDSB workplaces remain as safe as possible for students and staff alike. This procedure should include, but is not limited to, the following criteria:</p> <p data-bbox="315 1772 1507 1864">i. Individuals covered by the procedure are expected to submit a formal attestation if they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and provide proof of vaccination (i.e. upload or provide vaccination receipt(s));</p>	<p data-bbox="1187 537 1243 569">15.1</p>	<p data-bbox="1409 537 1515 569">n/a</p>

- ii. Individuals who have not been vaccinated will be required to attend mandatory education on the benefits of vaccination;
  - iii. A schedule for dates by which point any unvaccinated individuals must disclose if they have received first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccines;
  - iv. TDSB will comply with its human rights obligations and accommodate employees who are legally entitled to accommodation;
  - v. The finalized procedure and strategy be implemented prior to school re-opening on September 9, 2021, if feasible, or as soon as practicable thereafter;
  - vi. The procedure contemplate where regular COVID-19 testing would be required (e.g. where a medical exemption has been granted, while waiting for vaccinations, partial vaccinations, etc.);
  - vii. The Director endeavor to work collaboratively on this procedure with Toronto Public Health, the Board's local health partners, employee groups and federations, as well as the Urban Indigenous Education Centre;
  - viii. The Ontario Public School Boards' Association, all Ontario Public School Boards, and all TDSB employee groups be notified of this resolution;
- (b) That the Chair write a letter to the Toronto Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Eileen de Villa, the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore, and the Minister of Education, Mr. Stephen Lecce, reiterating the Board's support of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association's statement advocating that COVID-19 vaccinations be added to the list of compulsory vaccinations for all eligible students;
- (c) That the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and all Ontario Public School Boards be copied on the letter at Part (b).