



Office of the Chair of the Board

December 7, 2018

Mayor John Tory
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory:

I am writing to express the concern of the Toronto Catholic District School Board regarding the appointment process to the City of Toronto's Board of Health.

It is our understanding that only one school trustee may be appointed to the Board of Health from the two largest school boards in the City of Toronto - Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) and Toronto District School Board (TDSB).

Given the critical and vital connection between school boards and the City, this seems sadly lacking in light of the many public health issues impacting on our children and youth.

For the past 16 years, a TDSB school trustee has been appointed by the City, which has meant that the Toronto Catholic District School Board has not been represented. This is unacceptable as the TCDSB represents half-a-million ratepayers and is responsible for over 91,000 students in 195 schools. The ongoing lack of inclusivity on the Board of Health is a colossal injustice to this large constituency.

In the interest of public fairness, the TCDSB proposes that representation be provided equally by extending Board of Health membership to one representative from each of the two school boards.

At our Inaugural meeting held on December 3rd, the Board recommended Trustee Ida Li Preti to serve on the Board of Health. Trustee Li Preti has submitted her application as per City requirements. It is our hope that she will be able to serve on the Board of Health representing our school board.

We would appreciate a written response as soon as possible, since the Board of Health application process is already underway for the next term.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Maria Rizzo", is written over a printed name and title.

Maria Rizzo,
Chair of the Board

Cc to: Uli Watkiss, City Clerk
All members of Council
All Trustees