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Subject: Policy Approval - Equity and Inclusive Education

Background

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board recognizes that all people are created equal, in the image of God, each with unique characteristics deserving of dignity. In accordance with the Church's teachings, it is the policy of the Board to provide in all its operations and educational environment that supports and enables diversity within our Catholic community.

Sec. A Policy - Equity and Inclusive Education was reviewed and approved by the Policy Vetting Committee on May 30, 2023 to be brought forward to the Board for final approval. In 2016, school boards across the province collaborated with legal partners to include particular sections in the administrative procedures such as inclusive curriculum and assessment practices, professional learning, and school-community relationships, for example, to provide consistency provincially.

The policy statement and policy goals have been updated to reflect policy writing to reflect current legislation that supports a positive and inclusive climate where all members of our Catholic school communities feel safe, included, welcomed, and accepted.

Recommendations:

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Policy Approval – Equity and Inclusive Education* for information.

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve *Sec. A Policy - Equity and Inclusive Education*, effective June 20, 2023.