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**Written Notice of Motion for Consideration (Trustees Ford and Story)**

From: Denise Joseph-Dowers, Manager, Board Services, Governance and Board Services

In accordance with Board Bylaw 21.1, the following motion is submitted for consideration.

21.1 A matter may be added to the regular meeting agenda by submitting in writing to the Director, at least seven days in advance of the meeting by:

- (a) two or more members of the Board...

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**October as Body Confidence Awareness Week**

Whereas, the Board's 2006 Student Census Report highlighted discrimination on the basis of body image was the highest form of harassment reported in Grades 7 and 8; and

Whereas, the trend of body-based harassment also permeated high school with 27% of students in Grades 9 to 12 reporting being treated negatively based on other peoples' perceptions of their bodies; and

Whereas the Board's 2011 Student Census Report demonstrated only 58% of students in Grades 9 through 12 and 67% in Grades 7 and 8 said they liked how they looked; and

Whereas, lack of body confidence awareness in students leads to developing eating disorders, toxic environments of body-shaming, unhealthy relationships (i.e. relational aggression and increased risk of violence in platonic and intimate relationships), skin-bleaching, shadeism and harassment based on body size and other physical appearance-based bodily features; and

Whereas, all students have the right to learn and thrive socially, emotionally and academically in a safe and caring school environment that is conducive to optimal performance and student success without fear of discrimination based on their appearance; and

Therefore, be it resolved that Body Confidence Awareness Week be recognized throughout the Toronto District School Board annually every second week in the month of October.

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