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Written Notice of Motion for Consideration (Trustees Lister and Wong)

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...

February as Chinese Heritage Month

Whereas, a public interest has been expressed by community members to establish the month of February as Chinese Heritage Month so that they can celebrate the rich and vibrant culture and traditions with the Toronto District School Board and the City of Toronto in general; and

Whereas, Chinese heritage has become an integral part of the landscape in Toronto and according to the 2006 census, 486,300 Chinese-Canadians are living in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA); and

Whereas, this represents about ten percent of the total GTA population, and forms its second largest visible minority group; and.

Whereas, Canadians remember and appreciate the many Chinese workers who helped build the Canadian Pacific Railway that united our country; and

Whereas, the Government of Canada has recently passed a motion to recognize the Lunar New Year which typically begins in February and is one of the most important holidays for Chinese-Canadians;

Therefore, be it resolved that the month of February be designated as Chinese Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board.

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