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STATEMENT REGARDING MAYOR ROB FORD'S ROLE AS VOLUNTEER COACH OF THE DON BOSCO EAGLES

The Toronto Catholic District School (TCDSB) thanks Mayor Rob Ford for his contribution and many years of service to the Don Bosco Eagles Football Program. The Board has informed Mr. Ford of our decision to pursue a different direction with a new volunteer head coach for the Don Bosco Eagles senior football team.

Mr. Ford's passion for football, his commitment to the Don Bosco players and their success speaks for itself. The Board is very grateful for the Mayor's contribution.

"This is an exciting game that helps to develop strategic thinking, strength and agility while also fostering values such as teamwork, perseverance and good sportsmanship. Mr. Ford has helped our students rise to the challenge and realize their potential as both football players and young men," says Bruce Rodrigues, the Director of Education. "This decision was based on what is best for our students, our school and the Don Bosco community."

The Board's primary responsibility is to ensure a positive learning environment for all our students and promote our school's ongoing commitment to academic achievement, well-being and excellence. We recognize and respect that the Mayor's first commitment is to the priorities of the taxpayers and citizens of the City of Toronto.

The football program will continue at Don Bosco and at all other TCDSB high schools that have teams. The TCDSB is appreciative for the thousands of volunteers who augment the work of our dedicated staff for various athletic and academic school programs and events throughout the school year.

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