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Letter of Apology Re: Agenda Item 15.2 Feb 7, 2018 TDSB Board Meeting

Last November, I made a comment that I deeply regret, using a term that I recognize was inappropriate and unacceptable.

I accept full responsibility for that and apologize unreservedly to the people I offended, the students and staff of the TDSB, to residents of Toronto who I have been privileged to serve and to the LGBTQ community in particular.

Over 30+ years of public service, I have tried in the best way possible to give voice to those without a voice, promote equity and in particular to protect the rights of LGBTQ students and community members, but clearly I failed to live up to that standard on this occasion, and it is a standard that should be met without exception.

I am profoundly sorry and have determined I need to step back and take a leave of absence, during which time I will consult with the integrity commissioner, parents, education workers, constituents, colleagues and members of the LGBTQ community to see what actions are the most appropriate way forward.

I respect the findings of the Integrity Commissioner and during this time I will apply myself wholeheartedly to completing the TDSB Human Rights and Prevention of Harassment in the Workplace training.

Sincerely,
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