



## **Proclamation:**

### **March 29, 2021 as Toronto Marlies Blue and White Day in the TCDSB**

**Whereas:** The Angel Foundation is the official charity of the Toronto Catholic District School Board, and funds programs that meet the daily nutritional needs more than 61,000 students across the City of Toronto, serving over 1.2 million meals per month; and

**Whereas:** The Angel Foundation provides emergency and basic life supports for families in need including shelter, food, clothing, reading glasses, hearing and visual aids, and more; and

**Whereas:** The Angel Foundation directly provides student equity funds to ensure that no student is left behind and that all students have equal access to school excursions and other experiential learning opportunities; and

**Whereas:** The Angel Foundation is able to meet the ever-growing need for assistance through unique fundraising events like the Health Action Day Hockey Game scheduled exclusively for TCDSB students, as part of the longstanding partnership with the Toronto Marlies; and

**Whereas:** This proclamation will allow students, staff and families to join together as a TCDSB community to celebrate the day and game, despite being forced apart due to COVID; and

**Whereas:** The Toronto Marlies Blue and White Day in the TCDSB on March 29, 2021, coincides with the Next Gen game to celebrate both the young talent on the Toronto Marlies and Maple Leafs, and to generate excitement with the next generation of aspiring athletes, while also aligning with new initiatives to ensure hockey is more inclusive to truly reflect the diversity of the young faces of our TCDSB students, in the most diverse City in North America; and

**Whereas:** The spirit of cooperation between the Angel Foundation and the Toronto Marlies reminds us how we are “Stronger Together” as we continue to raise funds to help the most vulnerable in our community and overcome the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The TCDSB hereby proclaim March 29, 2021 as Toronto Marlies Blue and White Day in the TCDSB, in recognition of the Next Generation of young people being supported through this special relationship between the Angel Foundation and the Toronto Marlies Hockey Team.