

Date of Meeting: 2025 March 25

Item #: 16.a

## **AWARD OF DISTINCTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

| Trustee          | Trustees Morell and Pizzolato  |
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| Representative   |  |
| Meeting Type:    | Public Board Meeting   |
| Presented for:   | Approval   |
| Date and Time of | The committee met on 2025 March 05 from 9:00 AM to 3:45 PM.  |
| meeting          |  |
| Recommendations: | N/A  |
| Content:         | Background   |
|                  | The annual Award of Distinction is part of the Trustee Recognition Policy 2034 and recognizes staff, volunteers, students, and community members who excel at modeling the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) strategic directions in everything they do at the school and board levels. This award highlights the dedication and outstanding contributions of individuals who embody the values of the TVDSB.  |
|                  | Each year individuals are selected by the Selection Committee to receive the Award of Distinction. The committee, which meets annually, is comprised of representatives from the TVDSB Board Trustees, labor partners, Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations (TVCHSA), and Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee (TVPIC). These representatives bring diverse perspectives and expertise to the selection process, allowing for an equitable and thorough assessment of all nominees. |
|                  | Content  |
|                  | This year, the Selection Committee received 36 submissions from 6 categories, showcasing the remarkable achievements and contributions of the nominees. The committee divided into breakout groups to review submissions from 1 of 6 categories, using the selection criteria based on the Board's Vision, Mission,  |

and Values. These criteria ensure that the recipients truly reflect the strategic directions of TVDSB.

Following the breakout group review, the Selection Committee chose 21 recipients for the 2025 Award of Distinction. These individuals have demonstrated exceptional commitment and excellence in their respective roles, making a significant impact on the school and community. The recipients are recognized at an awards ceremony hosted at the Education Centre.

The names of the award recipients and nominees will be posted on the TVDSB website in April, allowing the broader community to celebrate and acknowledge their achievements.