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## **BILL 28 TERMINATES TECT LOCKOUT AND WORK-TO-RULE**

With the passage of Bill 28, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has been forced to end the lockout of its elementary teachers and open schools. The legislation also terminates the work-to-rule.

"Elementary Catholic teachers should all have returned to school today, Wednesday, June 4," says Kathy McVean, president of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association. Meanwhile, teachers and the board have seven days to agree to a mediator or the government will appoint someone.

"The Association would take agreement on a mediator as a sign of progress in the dispute," McVean says. Bill 28 prescribes that the arbitration process be limited to 90 days.

McVean says that OECTA has asked the board for a Back To Work Protocol to govern questions and issues that may arise during the reopening process. The protocol would cover potential harassment and discrimination situations, which may follow a lockout, and provide clear, board-wide instructions on handling EQAO testing and report cards in a cooperative manner.