



Trustee **Alexis Dawson**

Ward 9, Davenport and Spadina-Fort York

Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and restful summer.

My role, as the elected public school board trustee for your community, is to advocate for you and your child, and to represent the needs of all students and families in the Toronto District School Board.

As a parent and former school council co-chair, I understand that the school experience can be both exciting and overwhelming, not just for students but also for parents, guardians, and caregivers. To ensure you and your child have a fantastic year ahead, I invite you to explore our website www.tdsb.on.ca. You can find valuable information about the school year calendar, transportation, ways to get involved, as well as helpful resources for the upcoming school year, and much more!

At the Toronto District School Board, we are committed to supporting the well-being and mental health of you and your family. To access a variety of tools and resources tailored for students and parents/guardians/caregivers, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/MHWB.

We are currently in the process of renewing our Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP), and consultations will be ongoing throughout the Fall. I want to express my gratitude to those who have already participated in this important endeavor. We encourage you to complete the [MYSP online survey](#) and explore www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPRenewal to discover further ways to contribute, including attending Trustee MYSP Ward Meetings.

I would also like to invite all parents, guardians and caregivers to participate in our annual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference, Joy in the Journey of Learning, on October 21 and 22, 2023. This conference is a weekend of learning, connection and engagement and learning strategies to support your child throughout the year. This year, attendees can participate in the conference virtually and also join in-person presentations. Please visit www.parentspartners.ca for more information.

To stay informed and receive updates throughout the school year, I encourage you to visit the [TDSB Website](#) regularly and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and now [Threads](#). Rest assured, important information and updates will still be communicated to you via e-mail from both your school and the school board.

I am here to support you every step of the way, ensuring a successful and rewarding educational journey for your child.

Please [sign up for my e-newsletter](#) and visit my webpage at www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward9. You can also find me on Twitter [@AlexisDawsonTO](#) and Facebook [@AlexisDawsonTO](#).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexis Dawson".

Alexis Dawson
Ward 9 - Davenport & Spadina-Fort York



2023-2024 Information



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Find Your School & School Superintendent:
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Board Office at 416-397-3000 or GeneralInquiries@tdsb.on.ca

PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 4, 2023
Board-wide PA Day	October 6, 2023
Thanksgiving	October 9, 2023
Board-wide PA Day	November 17, 2023
Elementary PA Day	December 8, 2023
Winter Break	December 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024
Elementary PA Day	January 19, 2024
Secondary PA Day	February 1, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	February 16, 2024
Family Day	February 19, 2024
March Break	March 11 - 15, 2024
Good Friday	March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	April 1, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	April 19, 2024
Victoria Day	May 20, 2024
Elementary School PA Day	June 7, 2024
Secondary School PA Day	June 27, 2024
Secondary School PA Day	June 28, 2024

First day of classes for students is September 5, 2023
 The last day of class for elementary students is June 27, 2024
 The last day of class for secondary students is June 28, 2024

Days of Significance

For more information, please visit

www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolyearcalendar www.tdsb.on.ca/daysofsignificance

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Parent Concern Protocol Classroom Teacher

STEP ONE

If you have any questions or concerns, the first person to go to is your classroom teacher. The classroom teacher can help with:

- Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

School Principal

STEP TWO

If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal can help.

- Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- Report card concerns
- Classroom concerns
- Code of Conduct
- Safety and security
- Budget and fundraising
- School Council

School Superintendents

STEP THREE

Superintendents are responsible for a Network of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with:

- Alternate attendance request
- Suspension appeals

Trustees

STEP FOUR

Trustees are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the TDSB:

- Concerns about your community
- Ideas and suggestions for the Board
- Items on Board Agenda
- Board policies under review
- Board budget
- Collective bargaining

Board Office

You can contact the Board Office directly for any questions or concerns related to:

- Continuing Education
- Night and summer school
- Adult education
- ESL
- Board documents

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