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Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands and Territories

At the TDSB, honouring and continually building respectful relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal staff, students and communities is a priority.

In keeping with the [Indigenous Education Protocol](#), it is customary to acknowledge the Traditional and Ancestral Lands of Aboriginal peoples at the beginning of events, gatherings and meetings. Below, we have provided speaking notes so that you can open your meetings and events with an acknowledgment of Traditional and Ancestral Lands.

Treaty Acknowledgement for the Toronto Purchase Area (east of Brown's Line to Woodbine Avenue and north towards Newmarket)

I would like to acknowledge that this school is situated upon Traditional Territories. The territories include the Wendat (**WHEN-dat**), Anishinabek (**ah-nish-NAH-beck**) Nation, the Haudenosaunee (**ho-den-ah-SHOW-nee**) Confederacy, the Mississaugas (**miss-iss-AH-gahs**) of the New Credit First Nations, and the Métis (**may-TEE**) Nation.

As part of the *Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant*, the Haudenosaunee (**ho-den-ah-SHOW-nee**) Confederacy and the Anishnabek (**ah-nish-NAH-beck**) and allied nations agreed to share and care for the resources on this land in the Great Lakes region.

I also recognize the enduring presence of Aboriginal peoples on this land.

The treaty that was signed for this particular parcel of land is collectively referred to as the Toronto Purchase and applies to lands east of Brown's Line to Woodbine Avenue and north towards Newmarket.

You can view a map showing all of the treaties in Ontario at the following website:

www.ontario.ca/aboriginal/treaties

Treaty Acknowledgement for the Williams Treaties Area (east of Woodbine Avenue)

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I also recognize the enduring presence of Aboriginal peoples on this land.

The treaty that was signed for this particular parcel of land is collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923 and applies to lands east of Woodbine Avenue.

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www.ontario.ca/aboriginal/treaties.