

Trustee PARTHI KANDAVEL



Welcome Back to School!

Dear Neighbour,

My best wishes to you and your family. I hope you've had an enjoyable summer. Despite the wet weather, it was nice to spend time outdoors, catching-up in the community, and spending quality time with the family.

It also has been an opportunity for me to reflect on the previous school year, with the leadership of our Director John Malloy, we embarked on an Integrated Equity Framework for our vision to see all students succeed. I was able to extend my leadership on equity and inclusion to the rest of Ontario in an additional role as a Vice-President of the Ontario Public School Boards Association. Finally, this year allowed me to strengthen community voices on curriculum. I encourage you to turn the page and discover some of my work on your behalf this past year.

As we start our new school year, I would like to wish my very best to all our children, students, and parents for a happy and successful year! It is indeed a true privilege to serve you, as our public school Trustee.

Sincerely,



SCHOOL FUN FAIR



SPEAKING 'PUBLIC SERVICE' WITH GRADE 5 CLASS



MEETING WITH TDSB COLLEAGUES



BLISS CARMAN SR. P.S. PARENT ENGAGEMENT NIGHT



PLAYING BASEBALL WITH SENIORS



PLANTING OAK SAPLING FROM VIMY RIDGE, AT BIRCH CLIFF HEIGHTS



WARD FORUM ON 'CYBER BULLYING'



GRADUATION 2017



WARD FORUM WITH DIRECTOR AND EXEC. SUP'T

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Please feel free to reach out to me with your questions, concerns, and ideas, regarding public education at the Toronto District School Board.

If there are any events you wish for me to attend, or participate in, please feel free to contact me anytime.

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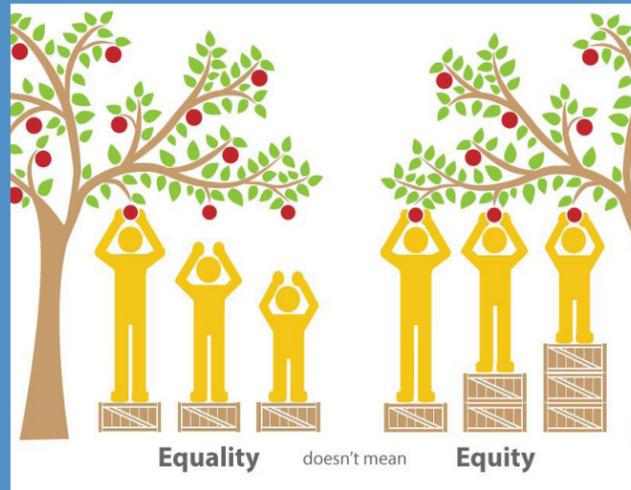
WORKING WITH SCARBOROUGH STUDENT LEADERS



COUNCILLOR CRAWFORD'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL



PROMOTING TRADE SKILLS



Our vision is for all students to succeed
Learn more at: tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Equity

INTEGRATED EQUITY FRAMEWORK

This past school year, we have sought to place a strategic focus and renewed framework on our practice and understanding of equity through an action plan. Our plan provides us focus and ensures that the work we are doing at the system level has a direct impact in classrooms. A large part of this work is having conversations and dialogue, and understanding how bias and perspective can create – or remove – obstacles.

SCHOOL EXPANSION

We have the good fortune of great neighbourhoods and school communities, which attract many young families, resulting in our schools reaching, or passing capacity. Through my advocacy, I'm happy to announce we have succeeded in securing funding for a 6 classroom addition to Courcelette P.S. I've also been successful in identifying Regent Height P.S. as an Emerging Capital Priority at the TDSB.



Speaking at Courcelette P.S.

PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP

I had the unique privilege to be selected by my colleagues to join the executive team of the Ontario Public School Boards Association as a Vice-President. It has been a great experience learning the unique perspectives of rural, northern, and suburban boards, as well as sharing those of the Toronto District School Board.



Working with provincial trustee colleagues
Learn more at: [OPSBA.org](https://opsba.org)



Speaking on policy at the Board

FINANCIAL LITERACY

As an Advisory Board member of the Toronto Youth Cabinet, I advocated for the inclusion of financial literacy as part of the curriculum set by the Ontario government. We were successful in having our ideas heard and the Minister of Education announced the Gr. 10 careers course will include financial literacy & entrepreneurship.



Learn more at: torontoschoolbus.org

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

We have improved a number of practices to ensure a smoother start-up to the school year. We have reviewed the data provided by school bus operators and are pleased to report that all operators have communicated that they have sufficient resources as of August 11th. This means that the bus operators have reported that they have enough drivers to cover all TDSB and TCDSB routes.

WARD COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

It has been such a pleasure and privilege to work alongside such a dedicated group of parent council leaders, community volunteers and school superintendents that form my Ward Council. We discuss challenges at our schools, problem-solve together, and share best practices. We host our meetings at a new school each month and is open to all school council parents.



Working with Ward Council