

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2015

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**School Trustee, Ward 20,
Scarborough-Agincourt**



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Dear Parents and Neighbours,

As we wrap up our summer activities and get ready to go back to school, I hope you and your children have had fun and restful breaks and are eager to start the new school year with renewed energy and spirit.

As your trustee, I look forward to a new year of collaboration promoting student success by providing all learners with a safe, nurturing and positive environment; to work with local partners to develop schools as community hubs for all; and to ensure that we leave a legacy of excellent, environmentally sensitive and student-centred public schools for generations to come.

I appreciate every opportunity I have to speak with you. Please email me to be included in my email list for future school board updates. Stop and chat with me when I am in your school or at the local supermarket. I would also love to see you at your next school event.

Let's work together for our students and for our community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Manna'.

HAVE YOUR SAY IN TDSB WARD 20, SCARBOROUGH-AGINCOURT

To better serve the needs of our students and life-long learners, I would like to invite you to participate in a short survey about the issues that matter most to you. Please visit my website, tdsb.on.ca/Ward20, or call with your thoughts.

Your input will help us focus on issues and ideas that are important to you. I look forward to your suggestions and am confident that they will help us better serve the public trust.

1. What issues are important to you?

These might be specific programs, services, policies, curriculum areas, challenges or success stories.

2. Who would you like to hear from?

Participants and special guests could include other parents and community members, school staff, experts in the field, representatives from organizations, and TDSB staff.

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Looking for some useful tips on getting your children off to a great start this school year?

Getting ready for school in September can be both exciting and nerve-wracking. Whether you're a new student or a returning one, we have many resources to help make your transition this year a great one and as smooth as possible.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Starting Kindergarten is a big step in your child's life, filled with many firsts. Read more about the Kindergarten program at www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten and learn about activities you can do at home to help your child transition to school.

School Year Calendar

The school year calendar, www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/calendar, includes all important dates to remember during the school year. Remember that start and end times for school timetables differ by school so make sure to call your school's office or check the school's website to find out when the day begins and ends.

Homework Tips

Homework is an important part of the school experience for all students. Find out more about homework in elementary and high school, including the amount of time a student should spend on homework, what parents can do to help and where homework help is available: www.tdsb.on.ca/ElementarySchool/GetInvolved/Homework.

Get Involved in Your School Community

Parent involvement is one of the most important factors in the success of a child's education: www.tdsb.on.ca/community/HowtoGetInvolved. From volunteering in your local school to participating in school councils and advisory

committees, you can make a difference and have your voices heard.

Enhance your learning in high school outside by participating in your school's Social Justice Initiatives or at local community group such as the Steeles-L'Amoreaux Youth Empowerment, www.slye.ca.

Student Safety

We recognize Caring and Safe Schools Week in early September to bring important issues about school safety into focus for staff, students, and parents. Caring and Safe programs and initiatives include Character Education, Second Step, Future Aces and Let's Stop the Bullying.

Supporting You

Whether you're having family or home issues, or are looking for supports for your child's learning and behaviour, our team of professionals are here to help. Every school has access to these professionals so contact your principal or guidance counsellor who can get things started. Please contact me if you are ever unsure about where you should direct your question or concern or would like to get in touch with a specific TDSB department.

Resources Available

- Tips on helping your child with reading, writing and math, as well as tips on homework, talking to the teacher and more at www.ontario.ca/abc123.
- Find out what students need to graduate, a credit tracker and information on innovative new programs at www.ontario.ca/morestudentsuccess.
- Help find and map out extra-curricular activities: www.kidsPrograms.ca
- A wonderful resource to empower special needs parents: www.specialneedsroadmaps.ca

Connecting with you on school issues is important to me.

你对学校问题的看法对我非常重要。
请随时联系教育委员 **黄婉贞**

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 8, 2015	First Day of School
Saturday, September 12, 2015, 10 am-3 pm	Leacock-Buchan Community Fun Fair
Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 6:30 pm	Parent Involvement Advisory Committee Meeting
Sunday, September 20, 2015	Ontario Terry Fox Day, 35th Anniversary of the Terry Fox Run
Thursday, September 24, 2015, 7 pm	French as a Second Language Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2015, 6:30 pm	Ward 20 Council Meeting

