

Trustee Anu Sriskandarajah



Welcome Back to School!

Dear Community Members of Scarborough-Rouge Park,
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 students and families in the Toronto District School Board.

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/MHWPB.

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 www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP-Survey and explore www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal to discover further ways to contribute, including attending Trustee MYSP Ward Meetings.

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

To stay informed, please sign up for my e-newsletter and visit my webpage at www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward22.

Thank you

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Ward 21, Scarborough-Rouge Park



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New Arts School Program Coming to Scarborough!

After 5 years of tireless advocacy, I am proud to share that we have been successful in getting a new arts-focused high school central student interest program in Scarborough. After years of articulating the reality that Scarborough continues to be underserved compared to other parts of the city, a new program will be opened at Woburn CI.

The program will be open to all residents, not just those within the catchment area. Woburn was chosen as the site for the program for several reasons including, being relatively central, having space, and geographic accessibility. Woburn will provide a closer option for students that would otherwise have to travel to Wexford CI (the only other arts focused central student interest program in Scarborough).

The new Arts programs will be implemented for Grade 9 in September 2024.

Appointment to Toronto Board of Public Health

It is with great privilege that I share that I have been elected by my fellow trustees to serve as the Education Representative on the City of Toronto Board of Public Health.

As a representative on the Board of Health I will continue to advocate for equitable share of resources to Scarborough, in particular, as it concerns student and family well-being. The Board of Health aims to set public health policies and advises City Council on issues. I am uniquely situated at the Board to provide a student-centered perspective.



Outdoor Education

It is my pleasure to be elected by my fellow trustees to be the TDSB's representative on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's Natural Science and Education Committee (NSEC). NSEC is an advisory board that was formed as a result of recommendations from the Outdoor Education Task Force, which I also had the privilege of serving on.

The objective of the NSEC is to advise TRCA Board of Directors on the implementation of the recommendations of the Outdoor Education Task Force, especially in creating curricular standards across TRCA and school boards



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Parents as Partners

I would 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.parentsaspartners.ca for more information.

Digital Math Tools at the TDSB

The Mathematics Department continues to implement district-wide access to various math tools to improve student math performance. The tools align with the Ontario math curriculum and support students in building foundational math skills and proficiency. Tools include:

- Brainingcamp (available system-wide): Brainingcamp is a suite of 17 powerful virtual math manipulatives.
- Knowledgehook (available system-wide): Knowledgehook is a digital math tool available for learning mathematical concepts and checks for understanding.
- MathUP: MathUP is a professional learning resource that supports differentiated instructional practices.



Looking Forward: Student Nutrition

In the Fall, I will be moving a motion at the Board on student nutrition. The aim of the motion is to get a comprehensive understanding of what services are being provided within our schools as it relates to student nutrition and identify where gaps exist.

The analysis will be able to provide a roadmap for how to address issues of student nutrition in our schools. We hope to build private-public partnerships to address student nutrition. The aim is to lay the groundwork for a more sustained nationally funded student nutrition program.



2023-2024 Information



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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

Follow the TDSB on Social Media



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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