

Regular Meeting

August 30, 2023

A regular meeting was convened at 4:35 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, in the Boardroom, 5050 Yonge Street, Toronto and by electronic means, in accordance with [amendments to Section 7 of Ontario Regulations 463/97, Electronic Meetings](#), with Rachel Chernos Lin, Chair of the Board, presiding.

The following members were present: Trustees Michelle Aarts, Rachel Chernos Lin, Alexis Dawson, Matias de Dovitiis, Sara Ehrhardt, Malika Ghous, Liban Hassan, Dennis Hastings, Debbie King, Shelley Laskin, James Li, Alexandra Lulka Rotman, Dan MacLean, Patrick Nunziata, Zakir Patel, Weidong Pei, Yalini Rajakulasingam, Farzana Rajwani, Anu Sriskandarajah, Deborah Williams, Manna Wong and Student Trustee Angelika Bell and Indigenous Student Trustee Ozaawaamukwaikwe Secord.

Regrets were received from Trustee Neethan Shan.

The meeting was a hybrid model with Trustees Chernos Lin, Dawson, de Dovitiis, Ehrhardt, Ghous, Hastings, King, Laskin, Lulka Rotman, MacLean, Nunziata, Patel, Pei, Rajwani and Williams participating in person, and other trustees present participating by electronic means, in accordance with [amendments to Section 7 of Ontario Regulations 463/97, Electronic Meetings](#).

1. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private)

At 4:35 p.m., on motion of Trustee Laskin, seconded by Trustee Rajwani, the regular meeting resolved into Committee of the Whole (Private) to consider matters on the private agenda of the Committee of the Whole.

2. Reconvene

At 6:06 p.m., the regular meeting reconvened.

3. Committee of the Whole (Private), Report No. 236, August 30, 2023 (see page 10)

Trustee de Dovitiis, seconded by, Trustee MacLean, moved: **That Report No. 236 of the Committee of the Whole (Private) be adopted.**

The motion was carried.

4. Recess and Reconvene

At 6:06 p.m., on motion of Trustee de Dovitiis, seconded by Trustee MacLean, the meeting recessed for dinner and reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

5. National Anthem and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

Trustee Chernos Lin recited the acknowledgement of traditional lands, following which, a video of the national anthem by students from Davisville Public School was shown.

6. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee MacLean, seconded by Trustee Nunziata, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

The motion was carried.

7. Celebrating Board Activities

No matters to report

8. Memorials

The Chair expressed sympathy on behalf of the Board to the families of Lani Lati, Vicky Capogiannis, Scott Bowers, Chancy Deokiesingh, Mary Sinipoli, Heather Tynes, Douglas Thompson, Avijit Dey, Jaeda Whitehead, Marko Skocir, Board employees who recently died.

The Chair expressed sympathy on behalf of the Board to the family, friends and colleagues of Richard Bilkszto, retired principal who recently died.

A moment's silence was observed in their memory.

9. Chair's Announcements

The Chair extended welcome greetings to the sixth regular meeting of the 2022-2026 term and fifth regular meeting of 2023. The Chair:

- provided an update on the result of the Board's advocacy work with the Ministry of Education, highlighting the provincial government's commitment to allocating funds for various areas such as: COVID-19 recovery, tutoring support and student mental health;

- extended greetings to the Board's school administrators during the Annual School Administrators' Leadership event, and expressed gratitude on behalf of the Board, to the leadership team for their commitment to students and their families;
- spoke about her participation in an educational program called Compassion to Action which took place in Poland and Israel, learning about the Holocaust, racism, and intolerance through the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre;
- spoke about the importance of continuing to combat hatred, discrimination and racism in all forms in schools and communities amidst the recent tragic events that took place in Jacksonville, Florida.

10. Reports From Trustees Appointed to External Organizations and Student Trustees

- (i) The Chair welcomed the student trustees for the 2023-24 school year, Indigenous Student Trustee Ozaawaamukwaikwe Secord, from Rosedale Heights School of the Arts and Student Trustee Angelika Bell from William Lyon MacKenzie Collegiate Institute to their first Board meeting for the school year.

11. Director's Leadership Report

Director Colleen Russell-Rawlins presented her leadership report for 2022-2023. The Director:

- spoke about the start of the new school year;
- spoke about this year's educational summer programs offered both in-person and remotely, including: a partnership with the Jays Care Foundation for the RBI Summer Edition program, the "Inspire to Excel" program, International Languages Elementary and African Heritage programs, various summer Music and Arts programs, and summer programs for students with special needs;
- reiterated the Board's priorities and goals, including improvement in the following areas: Early Reading Enjoyment and Fluency and Literacy Achievement, STEM Achievement, Pathways to Post-Secondary Education, Learning Recovery; aligning with the Ministry of Education's priority reforms and Student Achievement Plan;
- highlighted the Board's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, UNDRIP, Human Rights, Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression focusing on student learning and engagement based on school data;

- expressed gratitude to the work of facilities and business operations staff, school leaders, senior team, and educators in preparing for the return of the new school year.

12. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

No matters to report

13. Matters to be Decided Without Discussion

Trustee Dawson, seconded by Trustee de Dovitiis, moved: **That the following matters presented as matters to be decided without discussion be approved or received, as appropriate:**

- a. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings Held on June 14, June 22, July 6 and July 28, 2023**
- b. **Audit Committee, Report No. 3, June 26, 2023 (see page 13)**
 1. 2023 External Audit Services Plan and Public Sector Accounting Standards Update [4562]
 2. Insurance and Enterprise Risk Annual Update [4563]
 3. PowerSchool Student Information System Project Update [4564]
 4. Internal Audit Department Status Update, June 2023 [4565]
 5. School Operational Audit, Semester 1, 2022-23 Summary [4566]
 6. Regional Internal Audit Team (RIAT) Engagement and Status Update [4567]
 7. Agreed Upon Procedures Report, March 31, 2023 [4570]
 8. Audit Committee O. Reg 361/10 Requirements, Work Tracker [4571]

The motion was carried.

14. City of Toronto SafeTO Update (see page 17)

Mohamed Shuriye, Director, Community Safety and Well-being, Social Development Finance and Administration, City of Toronto and Scott Mckean, Manager, SafeTO and Justice Centres, Social Development Finance and Administration, City of Toronto presented an update on the City's ten-year community safety and well-being plan.

15. Toronto Public Health Oral Update (see page 23)

Dr. Vinita Dubey, Associate Medical Officer of Health, presented an update from Toronto Public Health on the 2023-2024 school year.

Business Arising: Reducing Respiratory Viruses in Schools

Following the presentation from Toronto Public Health, Trustee Ehrhardt introduced the following matter as business arising.

Trustee Ehrhardt, seconded by Trustee King, moved:

Whereas, Toronto Public Health, on August 30, 2023 presented information about the ‘triple threat’ of respiratory viruses including COVID, RSV and influenza, which can affect student health, school attendance and overall well-being; and

Whereas, data collected by Toronto Public Health in 2020 and 2021 indicated higher and disproportionate rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations among lower income and racialized communities; and

Whereas, schools as congregate settings can continue to play a positive and proactive role in reducing the spread of respiratory viruses; and

Whereas, ventilation is one strategy to help reduce the number of contaminants in the air and improve indoor air quality; and

Whereas, the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers and American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) have recently released recommendations and standards to improve indoor air quality in new and existing buildings;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- a) That the Chair write to the Minister of Education, including the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ontario Chief Medical Advisor and Chair of Public Health Board, requesting:**
 - I. updates to air quality standards and guidance for public school buildings to support schools in creating the safest possible learning environments;**
 - II. dedicated capital and operating funding envelopes for reducing the spread of illness in schools. These are to:**

- i. **build from previous provincial investments to support ventilation improvements to build long-term improvements to air quality in all the Board's schools,**
 - ii. **support continued public health promotion activities in and around schools, in partnership with Toronto Public Health;**
- b) **That the Director present a report to the Planning and Priorities Committee, prior to the end of 2023 on:**
 - i. **ventilation-related investments, challenges and opportunities as part of the capital projects updates already scheduled;**
 - ii. **other opportunities related to reducing respiratory viruses in schools.**

The motion was carried.

16. Business Arising: Mental Health and Psychoeducational Assessments: Backlog

Following the presentation from Toronto Public Health, Williams introduced the following matter as business arising.

Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Sriskandarajah, moved:

Whereas, in the spirit of collaboration and ensuring that the provincial government receives clear and coordinated messages from the TDSB and the City of Toronto;

Therefore, be it resolved:

That the Chair write to the Minister of Health to request that the Ministry work in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and local school boards to:

- i. **address the backlog in mental health and psychoeducational assessments;**
- ii. **increase priority access to care for students requiring intensive mental health interventions and supports that exceed those available through school systems.**

The motion was carried.

17. Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee (Special Meeting), Report No. 13, August 28, 2023 (see page 17)

Trustee de Dovitiis, seconded by Trustee MacLean, moved: **That the report be received.**

The motion was carried.

18. Written Notices of Motion

- a. Trustees Sriskandarajah and Rajakulasingam provided notice of the following for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Planning and Priorities Committee.

Student Nutrition

Whereas, the recent rising cost of food is leading to greater food insecurity and more students coming to school hungry; and

Whereas, Canada is the only G7 country without a national school food program; and

Whereas, research shows that students have higher academic achievement when they have access to consistent nutritious food; and

Whereas, lack of access to nutritional food can lead to behavioral issues with increase in irritability and inability to focus; and

Whereas, access to nutritious food encourages better eating habits and improves both physical and mental well-being; and

Whereas, currently the funding for student nutrition programs are piecemeal and not system-wide;

Therefore, be it resolved:

That the Director present a report to the Planning and Priorities Committee by January 2024 that includes:

- i. the status of nutrition funding and programs in elementary and secondary schools, including the sources of that funding;
- ii. a brief needs assessment that draws on current evidence about the role of nutrition on growth and development and learning;
- iii. a proposed strategy to increase students' access to nutrition programs and possible strategic partnerships including Toronto Public Health.

- b. Trustees Dawson and King provided notice of the following for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Program and School Services Committee.

Toronto Youth Cabinet Statement: Endorsement

Whereas, the Toronto Youth Cabinet (TYC) was established by the City of Toronto to advocate on behalf of the City's youth; and

Whereas, in 2021 the Toronto District School Board joined other school boards in supporting TYC's call to the Ministry for free menstrual products across Ontario schools; and

Whereas, TYC is currently working to address a rising mental health crisis facing students in Ontario; and

Whereas, TYC has also launched calls for a universal free school breakfast and lunch program across Ontario schools and is seeking the Toronto District School Board's support in endorsing TYC's statement and calls to the Ministry of Education for action (see Appendix A);

Whereas, on February 1, 2023, the Board decided "inter alia"

That the Chair write to the appropriate Ministries within the provincial and federal governments to highlight the immediate need for support for student nutrition and request increased funding, and reiterate calls for a fully-funded, national school food program and programs that address food insecurity;

Therefore, be it resolved:

That the Chair write a letter to the Ministry of Education endorsing the attached statements from Toronto Youth Cabinet:

- i. Regarding rising mental health crisis facing children and youth in Ontario;
- ii. Regarding rising food insecurity facing children and youth in Ontario.

19. Recess and Reconvene

At 9:45 p.m., the meeting recessed and reconvened at 9:52 p.m.

20. Adjournment

At 9:52 p.m., on motion of Trustee Lulka Rotman, seconded by Trustee Pei, the meeting adjourned.

Rachel Chernos Lin
Chair

Confirmed by the Board at the meeting held on
September 27, 2023

Rachel Chernos Lin, Chair of the Board

Committee of the Whole, Report No. 236, August 30, 2023

Committee of the Whole (Private)

Report No. 236, August 30, 2023

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole (Private) was convened at 4:35 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 in the Boardroom at 5050 Yonge Street and by electronic means, in accordance with [amendments to Section 7 of Ontario Regulations 463/97, Electronic Meetings](#), with Deborah Williams, Chair pro tem presiding.

The following members were present: Trustees Michelle Aarts, Rachel Chernos Lin, Alexis Dawson, Matias de Dovitiis, Sara Ehrhardt, Malika Ghous, Liban Hassan, Dennis Hastings, Shelley Laskin, James Li, Dan MacLean, Patrick Nunziata, Zakir Patel, Weidong Pei, Farzana Rajwani, Anu Sriskandarajah and Deborah Williams.

Regrets were received from Trustees Debbie King, James Li, Alexandra Lulka Rotman, Neethan Shan and Manna Wong.

The meeting was a hybrid model with Trustees Chernos Lin, Dawson, de Dovitiis, Ehrhardt, Ghous, Hastings, Laskin, MacLean, Nunziata, Patel, Pei, Rajwani and Williams participating in person, and other trustees present participating by electronic means, in accordance with [amendments to Section 7 of Ontario Regulations 463/97, Electronic Meetings](#).

1. Audit Committee, Report No. 3 (Private), June 26, 2023

The Committee considered Report No. 3 (Private) of the Audit Committee (as shown in the private minutes of the Committee of the Whole)

The Committee of the Whole (Private) **RECOMMENDS** that Report No. 3 (Private) of the Audit Committee be adopted.

2. Selections, Transfers and Placements of Principals and Vice-Principals

The Committee considered a report from staff (as shown in the private minutes of the Committee of the Whole) presenting selections, transfers and placements of principals and vice-principals for approval.

The Committee of the Whole (Private) **RECOMMENDS** that the selections, transfers and placements of Principals and Vice-Principals be approved.

3. Private Personnel Matter1

The Committee considered a private personnel matter (as shown in the private minutes of the Committee of the Whole).

The Committee of the Whole (Private) **RECOMMENDS** that the private personnel matter be approved.

4. Private Legal Matters

The Committee heard an update from staff on private legal matters.

5. Private Personnel Matter2

The Committee considered a private personnel matter (as shown in the private minutes of the Committee of the Whole).

The Committee of the Whole (Private) **RECOMMENDS** that the private personnel matter be approved.

Deborah Williams, Chair pro tem

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Audit Committee, Report No. 3, June 26, 2023



Audit Committee

Report No. 03

AC:005A

Monday, June 26, 2023

4 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Boardroom, 5050 Yonge Street

Members Present Trustees Michelle Aarts, Shelley Laskin, Weidong Pei and Manna Wong

External Members Joyee Chau and Robin Pilkey

Regrets Naveen Balakrishnan

Part A: Committee Recommendations

1. 2023 External Audit Service Plan and Public Sector Accounting Standards Update [4562]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see AC:005A, page 5), presenting Deloitte LLP's audit approach, audit scope, planned communications and responsibilities relating to the audits of TDSB's financial statements for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023.

Moved By: Joyee Chau

Seconded By: Robin Pilkey

The Audit Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

(a) That the 2023 External Audit Service Plan, as presented in the report, be approved;

(b) That the Public Sector Accounting Standards Update, as presented in the report, be received.

Carried**2. Insurance and Enterprise Risk Annual Update [4563]**

The Committee considered a report from staff (see AC:005A, page 33), presenting an update on the renewed annual insurance program with *Aon*.

Moved By: Robin Pilkey

Seconded By: Joyee Chau

The Audit Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the report be received.

Carried**3. PowerSchool Student Information System Project: Update [4564]**

The Committee considered a report from staff (see AC:005A, page 39) presenting the final update of the PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS) implementation project formerly, Student Information System, Trillium.

Moved By: Robin Pilkey

Seconded By: Trustee Aarts

The Audit Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the report be received.

Carried**4. Internal Audit Department Status Update, June 2023 [4565]**

The Committee considered a report from staff (see AC:005A, page 49), presenting the Internal Audit Management's regular departmental and project updates, as well as the updated Internal Audit Charter.

Moved By: Trustee Aarts

Seconded By: Robin Pilkey

The Audit Committee **RECOMMENDS** that report be received.

Carried**5. School Operational Audit, Semester 1, 2022-23 Summary [4566]**

The Committee considered a report from staff (see AC:005A, page 63), presenting school operational audits performed by the Internal Audit Management as part of the 2022-23 Annual Audit Plan.

Moved By: Robin Pilkey

Seconded By: Trustee Laskin

Audit Committee, Report No. 3, June 26, 2023

The Audit Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the report be received.

Carried

6. Regional Internal Audit Team (RIAT) Engagement and Status Update [4567]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see AC:005A, page 87), presenting status updates of the Greater Toronto and Area Regional Internal Audit Team's scheduled engagements and annual report as of June 2023.

Moved By: Trustee Aarts

Seconded By: Trustee Wong

The Audit Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the report be received.

Carried

7. Agreed Upon Procedures Report, March 31, 2023 [4570]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see AC:005A, page 91), presenting the agreed upon auditing procedures performed by Deloitte LLP in connection with the Ministry of Education's Education Finance Information System (EFIS) Schedules 19, 20, 22 and 22A.

Moved By: Robin Pilkey

Seconded By: Trustee Aarts

The Audit Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the report be received.

Carried

8. Audit Committee O. Reg 361/10 Requirements, Work Tracker [4571]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see AC:005A, page 115), presenting the work tracker checklist of the O. Reg. 361/10 requirements to assist with the planning of Audit Committee activities and meeting agendas.

Moved By: Trustee Aarts

Seconded By: Robin Pilkey

The Audit Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the report be received.

Carried

Audit Committee, Report No. 3, June 26, 2023

Part B: Information Only

9. Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

A hybrid meeting of the Audit Committee was convened on Monday, June 26, 2023, from 4:02 to 6:11 p.m., with Shelley Laskin presiding.

10. Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Trustee Pei, seconded by Robin Pilkey, the agenda was approved.

11. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

No matters to report

12. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2023

On motion of Robin Pilkey, seconded by Trustee Pei, the Audit Committee approved the minutes of February 27, 2023.

13. Delegations

No matters to report

14. Resolution Into Private and Reconvene

At 5:37 p.m., on motion of Trustee Wong, seconded by Trustee Aarts, the meeting resolved into private to consider matters on the private agenda.

The meeting reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

15. Adjournment

On motion of Robin Pilkey, seconded by Trustee Aarts, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Audit Committee, Report No. 3, June 26, 2023

Part C: Ongoing Matters

No matters to report

Submitted by: Trustee Shelley Laskin, Committee Chair

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Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee (Special Meeting), Report No. 13, Monday, August 23, 2023



Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee
(Special Meeting)
Report No. 13

FBEC:013A
Monday, August 28, 2023
12 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting, Boardroom, 5050 Yonge Street

Members Present Trustees Michelle Aarts (Chair), Matias de Dovitiis, Dan MacLean and Manna Wong

Regrets Trustees Shelley Laskin, James Li and Zakir Patel

Also Present Trustees Rachel Chernos Lin, Alexis Dawson, Dennis Hastings, Debbie King and Deborah Williams.

The meeting was a hybrid model with Trustees de Dovitiis and MacLean participating in person, and other trustees present participating by electronic means in accordance with [amendments to Section 7 of Ontario Regulations 463/97, Electronic Meetings](#).

Part A: Committee Recommendations

No matters to report

Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee (Special Meeting), Report No. 13, Monday, August 23, 2023

Part B: For Information Only

1. Contract Awards, Operations [4577]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:013A, page 1) presenting contract awards.

On motion of Trustee Aarts, seconded by Trustee Chernos Lin, the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee received the contracts on Chart A, approved the contract on Chart B, and, in accordance with the Board's Policy P017, Purchasing¹, approved the contracts on Chart C.

2. Contract Awards, Facilities [4578]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:013A, page 27) presenting contract awards, as revised.

Staff indicated that item 38 on Appendix A of the report regarding Econ Management Inc. would be deferred to the next meeting.

On motion of Trustee MacLean, seconded by Trustee Aarts, the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee received the contracts on Chart A, approved the contracts on Chart B, and, in accordance with the Board's Policy P017, Purchasing², approved the contracts on Chart C.

3. School Banking Resolution: Transition From PACE Savings and Credit Union to Alterna Savings and Credit Union Limited [4576]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:013A, page 43) presenting information on a revised service level agreement with Alterna Savings and Credit Union Limited.

¹ The policy allows for the appropriate standing committee to approve contracts during the months when no Regular Board meeting is scheduled

² The policy allows for the appropriate standing committee to approve contracts during the months when no Regular Board meeting is scheduled

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On motion of Trustee MacLean, seconded by Trustee Aarts, the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee decided that the school banking resolution, as presented in the report, be approved, in accordance with the Board's Policy P017, Purchasing³:

4. Updated Consultant Contract Award: Mass Timber Replacement School at Poplar Road Junior Public School [4575]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see FBEC:013A, page 47) presenting an updated consultant contract award for the mass timber replacement at Poplar Road Junior Public School.

On motion of Trustee Chernos Lin, seconded by Trustee Aarts, the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee decided that the consultant contract award to *Moriyama Teshima Architects* for a fixed fee of \$998,000 for the design of the replacement school, including a five-room child care, for Poplar Road Junior Public School in Ward 19, be approved, in accordance with the Board's Policy P017, Purchasing⁴.

Part C: For Information

5. Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

A special meeting of the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee was convened on Monday, August 28, 2023, from 12 to 12:42 p.m. with Matias de Dovitiis, presiding.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider contract awards under the summer approval process.

6. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

No matters to report

³ The policy allows for the appropriate standing committee to approve contracts during the months when no Regular Board meeting is scheduled

⁴ The policy allows for the appropriate standing committee to approve contracts during the months when no Regular Board meeting is scheduled

Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee (Special Meeting), Report No. 13, Monday, August 23, 2023

7. Delegations

No matters to report

8. Adjournment

On motion of Trustee Wong, seconded by Trustee MacLean, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

No matters to report

Submitted by: Matias de Dovitiis, Chair pro tem

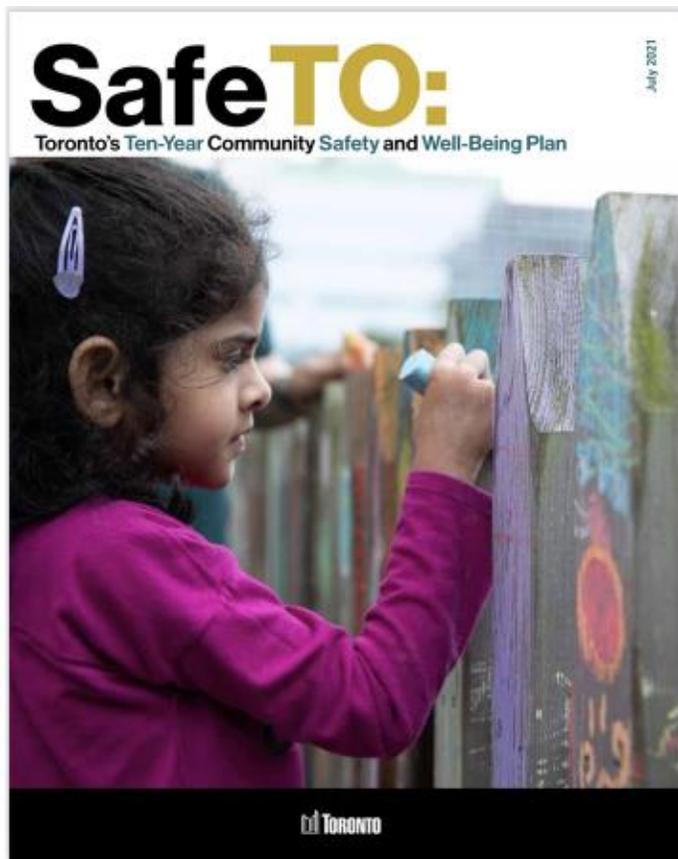
City of Toronto SafeTO Update

SafeTO:

Toronto's **Ten-Year** Community **Safety** and **Well-Being** Plan

Toronto District School Board Update
August 30, 2023

City of Toronto SafeTO Update



Background

SafeTO is a **comprehensive** that requires a fundamental shift in thinking and acting to achieve transformative change.

SafeTO provides a **roadmap** for how the City and social systems that serve Torontonians, such as community services, healthcare systems, education systems, justice systems, police and business, can **work collaboratively across different sectors and across governments** to support community safety and well-being.

SafeTO will drive **26 priority actions** across **seven strategic goals** over the next 10 years

At its June 22, 2022 meeting, the Toronto District School Board recommended that the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) formalize participation in SafeTO: Toronto's Ten-Year Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

- [SafeTO Creative Report](#)
- [SafeTO Goals and Actions](#)
- [SafeTO Implementation Plan](#)



SafeTO

The City of Toronto's Social Development Finance and Administration Division (SDFA) drives SafeTO Implementation in partnership with multi-sector and community partners. SDFA is the City's lead for SafeTO

Phase One Implementation

ACTION 1.3 Embed the Toronto Community Crisis Service as a Well-Resourced, First Response Service City-Wide



ACTION 2.1 Develop a Comprehensive Multi-Sector Gun Violence Reduction Plan



ACTION 2.3 Strengthen Community Crisis Response Protocols to Better Support Victims and Communities Impacted by Violence



ACTION 7.1 Develop a Comprehensive Strategy to Share, Integrate and Analyze Data Across Multiple Institutions



Emerging Priorities

- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- Policing and Law Enforcement Reform including the review of the TCHC's Community Safety Unit
- Safety on the TTC
- School & Community Safety and Well-being
- Safety and Inclusion pilots with BIAs
- Implementation of the Ministry of Attorney General Justice Centres





Toronto's Ten-Year Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

7.3 Strengthen Multi-Sector Collaboration Through Partnership and Integrated Investments

A Collaborative Approach to School & Community Safety and Well-being



- TDSB Expert Panel
- SafeTO Executive Leadership Table
- Multi-sector Violence Reduction Steering Committee
- Integrated Safety Coordination Teams



- Community Service Fairs
- Professional Development
- Community Safety Committee Alignment
- Strengthening School and Community Safety & Well-being Symposium



- TO wards Peace Expansion to Scarborough
- Family Well-Being Ambassadors
- TDSB Inclusion in Community Cluster Tables
- Community Crisis Response Program
- FOCUS Toronto



- Youth Violence Prevention Grants
- Centrally Assigned Principal
- Research Coordinator



Highlights to Date



7.3 Strengthen Multi-Sector Collaboration Through Partnership and Integrated Investments

The Work Ahead

1. Onboarding of the Centrally Assigned Principal
2. Recruitment of TDSB Research Coordinator
3. Co-develop a work plan in the following areas:

Enhanced
Collaboration

Collaborative
Analytics and
Learning

Programs, Services
and Interventions

Community
Engagement and
Empowerment

Communication



City of Toronto SafeTO Update



7.3 Strengthen Multi-Sector Collaboration Through Partnership and Integrated Investments

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2023-2024 School Year Toronto Public Health Update

to Toronto District School Board
August 30, 2023

Dr. Vinita Dubey
Associate Medical Officer of Health
Toronto Public Health

Nicole Welch RN MSc.
Director | Chief Nursing Officer
Toronto Public Health



Fall Respiratory Virus Season

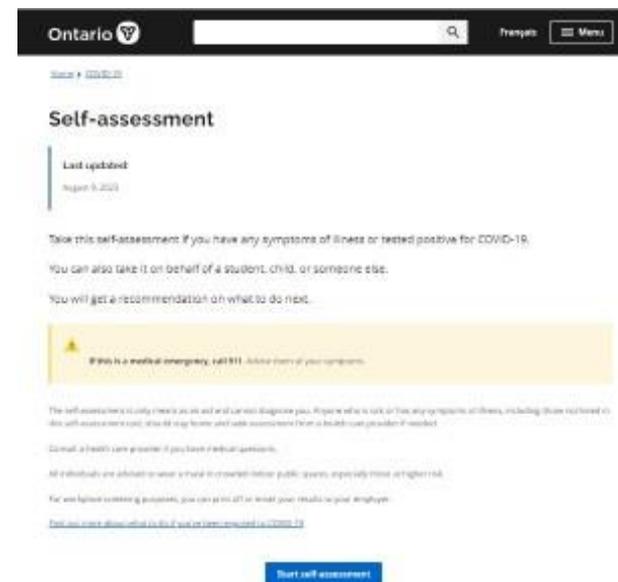


- Respiratory viruses are expected to increase
 - RSV, influenza, COVID-19 & other viruses
- RSV and influenza can be more serious in children
- In Australia and New Zealand: influenza strains that circulated were a good match to the vaccine.
- Flu & COVID boosters will be available in the fall
 - Get your children and yourself vaccinated to keep from getting very sick

Reduce the Spread of Respiratory Viruses



- Stay home when sick to prevent the spread of infections.
- If symptoms of illness - Provincial [Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- [Clean your hands](#) often
- [Cover your cough](#)
- Disinfect surfaces
- Promote good ventilation
- [Stay up to date](#) with vaccines



Covid-19 Fall Booster



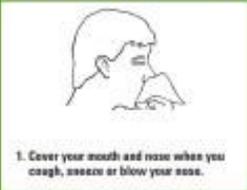
- The pandemic was declared over but COVID is here to stay
 - New variants are expected
- An updated booster will be available in the fall
- Boosters enhance our immunity to protect us from getting seriously ill from COVID and prevent Long-COVID
- [Long-COVID](#) in children can present as concentration difficulties or fatigue.



Reduce the Spread of Respiratory Viruses



Cover Your Cough



1. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough, sneeze or blow your nose.



2. Put used tissue in the garbage.



3. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve, not in your hands.



4. Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer (minimum 70% alcohol-based).

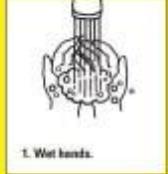
Stop the Spread of Germs

Always Cover Your Cough

- Covering your cough or sneeze can stop the spread of germs
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve
- Keep your distance (more than 2 metres/6 feet) from people who are coughing or sneezing

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Hand Washing



1. Wet hands.



2. Apply soap.



3. Lather for 15 seconds. Rub between fingers, back of hands, fingertips, under nails.



4. Rinse well under running water.



5. Dry hands well with paper towel or hot air blower.



6. Turn taps off with paper towel, if available.

Stop the Spread of Germs

Always Wash Your Hands

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|---|--|
| After you: | Before and after you: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sneeze, cough or blow your nose• Use the washroom or change diapers• Handle garbage• Play outdoors | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare or eat food• Touch a cut or open sore |

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Masking



- Well-fitted, high-quality masks protect ourselves and others from COVID and respiratory infections.
- As respiratory virus activity increases this fall, a well-fitted, high-quality mask in crowded indoor settings with poor ventilation, may be important, especially for those who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



Student Immunization Program (SIP)



**Grade 7–12 students:
Get school-based
vaccines**

These free vaccines prevent cancers & meningitis:

- Hepatitis B
- Meningococcal
- Human Papillomavirus

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- **Grade 7 & 8** will be offered these vaccines in school
- **Grades 9 to 12** who missed these vaccines can still get them for free at a [TPH immunization clinic](#)

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SIP catch-up Efforts 2022-23 School Year



Thank you for allowing us to come into your schools!

- Since June 2022, TPH has focused on helping grade 7-12 students catch up on school-based vaccinations
- At the end of the 2022-23 school year, TPH's catch-up efforts are reflected in increased SIP vaccination rates



Vaccination Catch Up



Goal: TPH plans to continue our efforts to get us back to pre-pandemic rates and beyond

Vaccine compliance rates before C-19 pandemic versus current rates:

| Student Immunization Program (SIP) (grade 7) vaccines | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| | 2017/2018 | 2022/2023 |
| Meningococcal | 86% | 78% |
| Hepatitis B | 77% | 62.5% |
| Human Papillomavirus | 66% | 57% |

| Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) vaccines | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| | 2017/2018 | 2022/2023 |
| Grade 2 | 78% | 43% |
| Grade 11 | 91% | 23% |
| Grade 12 | 87% | 22% |

Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)



- **Routine vaccines:** Required or a valid exemption under the Immunization of School Pupils Act:
 - Measles
 - Mumps
 - Rubella
 - Diphtheria
 - Meningococcal
 - Tetanus
 - Polio
 - Pertussis
 - Chicken pox
- TPH will continue to send letters to parents and students who are outstanding



Parents, report vaccinations to [Toronto Public Health at Immunization Connect](#)

Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule



You can also check [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario- June 2022](#) for more information on routine vaccination

| Vaccine | Diphtheria | Tetanus | Pertussis | Polio | Haemophilus B (Hib) | Pneumococcal C-13 | Rotavirus | Measles | Mumps | Rubella | Varicella (Chickenpox) | Meningococcal C | Hepatitis B | Human papillomavirus (HPV) | Influenza | Pneumococcal P23 | Shingles |
|-------------------|------------|---------|-----------|-------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|
| 2 months | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 months | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 months | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 year * | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 15 months | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 18 months | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4-6 years | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Grade 7** | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 14-15 years | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Every autumn | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Adults | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Each Pregnancy*** | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Every 10 years | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 65-70 years | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 65 years + | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |

Boxes filled with the same colour are given as one needle.
 Rotavirus vaccine is given by mouth, 2 doses.
 * Vaccines required at 1-year of age should be given on or after the child's first birthday.
 The vaccines in bold print are required for school attendance under the Immunization of School Pupils Act.
 ** Vaccines are offered in Grade 7 and 8 schools. High school students may start or catch up on missed doses at community clinics.
 *** Vaccine for each pregnancy is recommended, regardless of any prior doses.

Routine Vaccinations – Where to get them



Routine and school-based vaccines are available at our [City Immunization Clinics – City of Toronto](#)

- Hours of operation at all City immunization clinics are:
 - Tuesday to Friday: Noon to 6 p.m.
 - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Sunday & Monday: Closed

Clinic locations:

- Cloverdale Mall (250 The East Mall)
- Metro Hall (214 Wellington St West)
- North York Civic Centre (5100 Yonge St)
- Scarborough (410 Progress Avenue, unit D3 – near Scarborough Town Centre)



Reportable Diseases



- If Principals suspect or have confirmation of a disease of public health significance
- **Report to Toronto Public Health - Communicable Disease Notification Unit at 416-392-7411** during business hours Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

TPH School Health Services

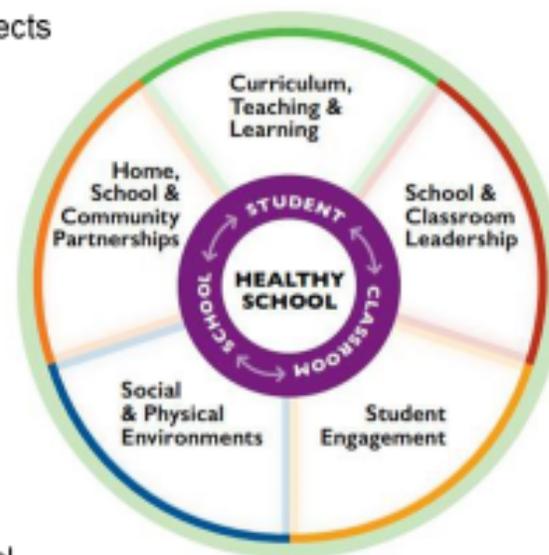


Healthy Schools Approach

The Healthy Schools approach is integrated school-based health promotion that incorporates health and health messaging into all aspects of school activities and engages the school community at large.

There are five components:

- Curriculum, Teaching and Learning
- School and Classroom Leadership
- Student Engagement
- Social and Physical Environments
- Home, School and Community Partnerships



School health services will be available to all schools in Toronto. Augmented level of service will be offered to schools that have been prioritized based on the indices developed and provided by the school boards and the Ministry of Education

School Liaison Public Health Nurses (SLPHN)



- All publicly funded schools will receive consultation, resources and referrals from a [School Liaison Public Health Nurse](#) (SLPHN) upon request
- Prioritized schools will be assigned an SLPHN and will receive:
 - comprehensive support for school health assessment and planning
 - staff capacity-building
 - student and parent engagement supports
- All schools will have access to online curriculum supports and tools on TPH's [website](#).

Dental Screening Program



- TPH Dental & Oral Health Services Staff will be conducting dental screening in all elementary school grades this school year.
- Families of children with identified dental care needs will be assisted in the process of finding a dental provider and establishing oral health habits at home.



Student Nutrition Program



Goal: To ensure that students who are at risk for poor nutritional intake have access to safe, adequate and nutritious food during the school day

- TPH Dietitians and Inspectors, along with [Student Nutrition Ontario – Toronto](#) partners, are available to support your student nutrition program.
 - Send student nutrition program-related food safety questions to dinesafe@toronto.ca.
 - Send questions about nutrition, menu planning and/or 2023/24 municipal funding applications and appeals to snp@toronto.ca.
- Deadline to submit a 2023-2024 student nutrition program grant application or to appeal a 2023-2024 funding decision: Friday, October 27, 2023 at 4 p.m.
- [Find student nutrition program resources and grant information at Student Nutrition Program – City of Toronto](#)

Additional Resources



For more information, please visit Toronto Public Health [online](#) including:

- [Communicable Disease Information for Schools & Child Care Centres](#)
- [Health Information & Resources for Elementary and Secondary Schools](#)
- [Respiratory Virus Guidance: Elementary & Secondary Schools and Healthy Schools](#)
- [Childhood Vaccines – Quick Reference Guide](#) and [COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Mental Health Resources](#)