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### ***School Council & CAC E-mail to Gmail Process***

- I/T continue to work on the g-mail accounts for school councils. More information to follow. In the interim, PIAC, CACs and Councils may continue to use the LAS email accounts.
- School Council e-mail accounts have been collected and shared with the PIAC co-chairs.
- PCEO has communicated school council elections information to the system.
- All schools have been informed that Parent council elections are held for parents and NOT council executives.
- All councils are required to develop by-laws.

### **Enhancing Equity Task Force-Family Engagement Mandate Follow-Up**

- On Thursday June 01, 2017 the Task Force facilitated a conversation on family engagement principles. The session was attended by parents, CAC representatives, OSSTF, ETT, Social Work, Guidance etc. Information gathered will be used to draft family engagement principles that will be consulted with families in the fall.
- Draft standards have been developed and will be shared with June attendees for their feedback. The final standards will be available on-line for feedback in early October. Stay tuned for e-mail communication.

### **PIAC SC411 Training**

- The first session is scheduled for September 25, 2017, 6:00-9:00 pm at 5050 Yonge Street. Stay tuned for e-mail communication.

### **PIAC Proposed Fall Orientation Dates:**

The following dates are being proposed for the PIAC Orientation:

- Tuesday October 24, 2017
- Tuesday October 30, 2017



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#### **P/VP**

- A request was made to staff for a list of schools that had transfers and the number of teacher promotion to V-Ps. Once information is received it will be shared with the P/VP Hiring Working Group.

#### **New Transportation Portal**

- The Toronto Student Transportation Group is very excited to announce the launch of the Transportation Portal for parents. Parents/guardians will be able to sign up to access the new portal where they will be able to view their children's specific transportation information and receive email notifications if there are any school bus cancellations or delays. Please visit <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/transportation-portal/> for further details. All parents will receive a letter outlining relevant registration information.

#### **New Communication of Learning Reports for Children in Kindergarten**

- The Ontario government is introducing new provincial reports in Kindergarten. For the first time, teachers across Ontario will be using standard templates for communicating children's learning in the Full-Day Kindergarten Program. The TDSB will begin phasing in these new reports in the upcoming June 2017 reporting period. In the next reporting period (at the end of June 2017), parents of children in Kindergarten will receive the following report: Full-Day Kindergarten Communication of Learning.
- The new Kindergarten reports will help parents understand their child's progress during the course of the school year.



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### **Start-of-Year Forms for Elementary and Secondary Schools**

- In response to requests from parents/guardians, as well as the November 2016 Board decision regarding Start-of-Year forms, a streamlined, Start-of-Year Permission/Consent Form package was rolled out for the 2017-2018 school year.

### **2016/2017 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants Reporting**

Schools that received PRO Grant funding for the 2016-2017 school year are required to:

- Spend all 2016/17 PRO Grant funds by 30 June 2017
- Charge all PRO Grant funds against CC# xxxx0565 and GL# 41500, under the Plan column;
- Complete and return the Declaration Form (the contract between the school council and the Ministry of Education) to the Ministry of Education;
- File all related receipts at the school according to Board policy (government funded initiatives are subject to audit, so these records must be retained for seven (7) years);
- Submit a final report to the Ministry on-line at <http://education.factorial.ca> by August 31, 2017;
- Submit a copy of their final report to the Director's Office (via email to the Parent and Community Engagement Office at [outreach@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:outreach@tdsb.on.ca)).

### **Student Nutrition Day Declared**

Starting in the 2017-18 school year, the TDSB will mark Student Nutrition Day. This day will occur during Feed Tomorrow Week, October 16-20, 2017.



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### **Learning about Occasional Teachers in Secondary School**

In collaboration with the Toronto School Administrators' Association, the TDSB is developing a plan to educate students, at the beginning of each school year, about the importance of the role of occasional teachers in the classroom