



Secondary Alternative Schools Program Review

Agenda

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2. Welcome and Introductions
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4. Objectives of the Program Review
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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat.

We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples.



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Welcome and Introductions

- Peter Chang - System Superintendent
- Amie Presley - Research Coordinator
- Manpreet Sian - Educational Planner
- Karlo Cabrera - Centrally Assigned Principal
- Ryan Heritage - Principal
- Ellen Walsh - Principal
- Amalia Pallas - Principal
- Virginia Pang - Principal

Overview

- Currently the TDSB has 21 Secondary Alternative Schools
- Secondary alternative schools are smaller school environments (small schools by design) supporting students seeking alternative methodologies, curriculum delivery, and non-mainstream approaches to learning the Ontario Curriculum
- This is not a review of elementary alternative schools

Secondary Program Review

- Board of Trustees approved action plan to review of all secondary schools, programs, policies, and procedures began in 2019.
- All secondary school students across the TDSB deserve equitable access to stronger programs and richer pathways, as close to home as possible. The system will need to be re-envisioned and re-drawn to support this goal.
- 1976 enrolment: 140,433 students
2019 enrolment: 73,000 students
- **Secondary Alternative Schools are part of the overall Secondary Program Review**

Secondary Program Review

Review will include:

- Policies and procedures
- Technical and commercial boundaries
- Access to specialized schools and programs
- Facilitated access to skilled trades (FAST)
- Locations

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Secondary-Program-Review>

Secondary Program Review

Guiding Principles

- Equity of Access
- Efficient and Flexible Learning Space
- Strong neighbourhood schools of a sufficient size to offer viable programs
- Provide program choice driven by student needs and interests

Final recommendations may include the following:

- School closure(s)
- Relocation or consolidation of existing program(s)
- Repurposing of secondary school buildings to address other system needs
- Different models of school organization, including full-year programming and campus models

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Objective of Secondary Alternative Schools Program Review

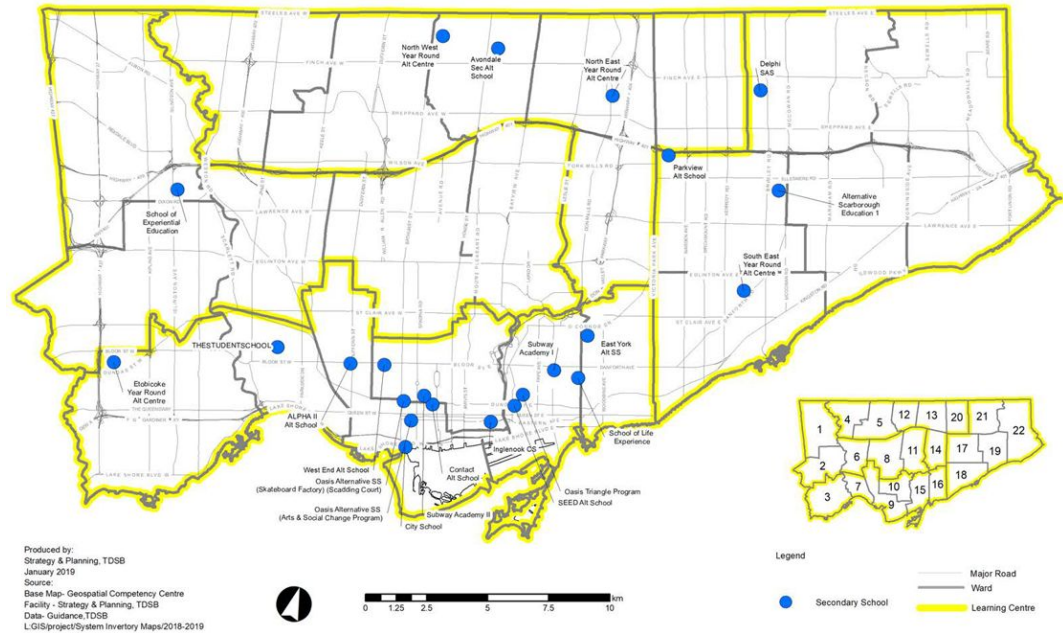
May 26, 2021 Board motion was approved based on the recommendation from the Alternative Schools Community Advisory Committee:

That the Director conduct a separate review of all secondary alternative schools to determine:

- a. Their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats as enrolment and staffing numbers continue to decline;
- b. What additional systems, processes and changes may be necessary to improve and better support secondary alternative schools and their students.

Secondary Alternative Schools

1. [ALPHA II Alternative School](#)
2. [Alternative Scarborough Education 1](#)
3. [Avondale Secondary Alternative School](#)
4. [City School](#)
5. [Contact Alternative School](#)
6. [Delphi Secondary Alternative School](#)
7. [East York Alternative Secondary School](#)
8. [Etobicoke Secondary Alternative School](#)
9. [Inglenook Community School](#)
10. [North East Secondary Alternative School](#)
11. [North West Secondary Alternative School](#)
12. [Oasis Alternative Secondary School](#)
 - I. [Arts and Social Change Program](#)
 - II. [Triangle Program](#)
 - III. [Skateboard Factory](#)
13. [Parkview Alternative School](#)
14. [School of Experiential Education](#)
15. [School of Life Experience](#)
16. [SEED Alternative School](#)
17. [South East Secondary Alternative School](#)
18. [Subway Academy I](#)
19. [Subway Academy II](#)
20. [THESTUDENTSCHOOL](#)
21. [West End Alternative School](#)



Program Review Action Plan

At the June 9, 2021 Program and School Services Committee meeting, staff reported that the review will include:

- Environmental scan of Secondary Alternative Schools, including demographics and history
- Analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats faced by students, staff and communities
- Involvement of multiple stakeholders (students, staff, parents/caregivers, and communities)

Timelines

Task	Status/Timeline
Review and approval of revised Alternative Schools Policy (P062)	October 2022
Prepare program review timelines and environmental scan of Secondary Alternative Schools including enrolment, Learning Opportunities Index (LOI), school profiles, and history	Presented to Program and School Services Committee, January 24, 2024
Develop consultation process for all stakeholders, including: <ul data-bbox="170 582 1352 962" style="list-style-type: none">• All TDSB students, including current students of secondary alternative schools• All TDSB parents/guardians/caregivers, including those of current students at secondary alternative schools• All TDSB staff• Alternative Schools Community Advisory Committee• Student Senate• Community Advisory Committees• Federations/Union partners• TDSB and non-TDSB communities (including alumni of secondary alternative schools)	In Progress – expected completion: February 2024

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<p>Conduct consultations with stakeholders listed in #3 above. Methods may include but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Focus groups● Student town halls and forums during school visits● Online webinar and consultation/ survey opportunities.	February-December 2024
<p>Provide a mid-report to Program and School Services Committee and Board on the status of the Secondary Alternative Schools Program review, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) literature review,b) consultation summary, andc) preliminary analysis of programs, strengths and growth areas, and staff and communities connected to Secondary Alternative Schools	Spring 2025
<p>Provide a final report to Program and School Services Committee and the Board on System-wide recommendations and long-term visioning following completion of Secondary Alternative Schools review</p>	Spring 2025

Consultations and Check-Ins

- TDSB students, including current students of secondary alternative schools
- TDSB parents/guardians/caregivers, including those of current students at secondary alternative schools
- TDSB staff
- Student Senate
- Community Advisory Committees
- Federations/Unions
- TDSB and non-TDSB communities (including alumni of secondary alternative schools)

Consultation Formats

- School Town Halls
- Classroom-Based Conversations
- Surveys
- Webinars
- Focused Conversations



Your feedback is important

SAS Parent Survey

- Sent to families from your school Principal. Reach out to child's school if you did not get it.
- Survey will remain open until **4:00 p.m. Friday, June 14, 2024.**
- The survey asks questions about: reasons for enrollment, the application process, important supports the school offers, satisfaction with school, strengths, challenges, and opportunities at the school, and the larger vision for Secondary Alternative Schools.

More Information

Secondary Alternative Schools Program Review Website:
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Secondary-Program-Review/Secondary-Alternative-Schools-Review>

Secondary Alternative Schools Program Review Email Address:
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Questions
Thoughts
Discussion