

**Tuesday April 16, 2019**

*PCEO UPDATES*

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**PIAC Orientation Session**

- The orientation is scheduled for Wednesday May 8, 2019 6:00 p.m. @5050 Yonge Street, Cafeteria.

**2018/2019 Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO Grant)**

Schools who receive PRO Grant funding for the 2018/2019 school year are required to:

- Complete project and expend funds by June 30, 2019. After that date, any unused balance of funding will be a debt due and owing to the Ministry and must be returned to the Ministry.
- Spend all PRO Grant funds against CCxxx0565 GL 41500
- Submit a report of the completed project to <http://education.factorial.ca> no later than July 15, 2019
- Submit a copy of the report to the Director's Office via the Parent and Community Engagement Office at [PCEO@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:PCEO@tdsb.on.ca)
- File all receipts at the school according to Board policy (government funded initiatives are subject to audit, therefore, records must be retained for seven years)

For additional information, please contact [Michelle.Munroe@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Michelle.Munroe@tdsb.on.ca), Central Coordinator, Parent and Community Engagement Office (PCEO).

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### School Council Webinars

The Parent and Community Engagement Office is offering three webinars for school councils regarding understanding the basics of school councils, bylaws and school council effectiveness. The webinars will take place on the dates and times below. All webinars will be available via YouTube. Links are below but do not go live until the date listed.

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m.:** School Council Effectiveness <http://youtu.be/LGMxJGuIPQk>

School Councils are most successful at engaging their families when they work effectively. This webinar examines how communication, committees and volunteers will connect with your community.

**Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 7:00 p.m.:** School Council Bylaws <http://youtu.be/HdKeeFxlzs>

One can't hope to have an effective School Council without a firm foundation. This webinar will take participants through the need-to-know of writing School Council Bylaws. Whether you're looking to update your current document or to write a new one, this workshop will keep you focused on what's important - and how to get there.

**Thursday, February 28, 2019, 7:00 p.m.:** Basics of School Councils. View the recording at: <http://youtu.be/7CJ9OK8PwWk>

Whether you are new to School Council, or looking for a refresher course, this webinar will help you. We explore the basics of Regulation 612 (governing school councils), elections, funding and budgets. It's never too late to go back to the beginning.

### Staff Professional Development

PCEO continues the training for the Essential Training program for new Vice-Principals and Principals. Sessions will be delivered over the school year and explore the following areas:

#### Principals

- Leading Engagement
- Engaging Families in the School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Supporting the School Council

#### Vice-Principals

- Understanding Engagement

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- Supporting School Council

### ***INFORMATION SHARING***

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#### **Continuing Education Parent/Guardian Programs/Courses**

Funding from the Ministry of Education allows Continuing Education to provide support to schools for the delivery of educational programs/courses to parents/guardians of students from JK to Grade 12. Programs/courses are for adults who are parents or guardians of students for whom the Principal of the day school has recommended a remedial course in literacy or math. Program/course topic must relate directly to student success.

For further information contact [belkis.romero@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:belkis.romero@tdsb.on.ca)

#### **Student Transportation – Sharing of “Pink Slips” with Parents**

Please note that going forward, pink slips (slips issued by bus operators regarding behaviour on buses) are to be shared with parents by the Principal. Please take care to ensure that all confidential information regarding other students is redacted from pink slips prior to sharing.

If you have any questions regarding pink slips, please contact Ellie Cameron at [ellie.cameron@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:ellie.cameron@tdsb.on.ca).

#### **Student Transportation for Students Advancing into Grade 6**

Grade 6 students living less than 3.2 km from their designated school do not qualify for school bus transportation or for T.T.C. tickets. If your child meets the distance criteria of 3.2 km or more, the method of transportation service will change from school bus service to the provision of T.T.C. tickets. In addition to this information, the City of Toronto provides students 12 years of age and under, the ability to ride the T.T.C. free of charge (effective March 1, 2015). Therefore, only students who will turn 13 within the year should apply for T.T.C. tickets no earlier than three weeks prior to their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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TTC tickets will be provided to eligible students from Grade 6 through to Grade 8 on parental /guardian request.

### **Summer Program - Developmental Disability, Physical Disability & Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

The Toronto District School Board will be offering a series of summer program for the students who receive support from the above Special Education Program and who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP). These half-day programs will be held at various school locations throughout the TDSB. They will support students to develop their independence through programming in the areas of functional literacy and numeracy skills, activities of daily living, communication and social skills through a creative curriculum that can include technology, physical fitness, art, music and drama, For further information visit:

Elementary Summer Program - Developmental Disability      <http://bit.ly/SummerDD>

Secondary Summer Program - Developmental Disability      <http://bit.ly/SecondarySummer>

Elementary Summer Program - Physical Disability      <http://bit.ly/ElementaryPD>

Elementary Summer Program – Deaf and Hard of Hearing      <http://bit.ly/DHHElementary>

NOTE: Deadline is May 03 2019

### ***Transfer of the School Crossing Guard Program***

The School Crossing Guard Program is currently being transitioned from the Toronto Police Service to the City of Toronto, Transportation Services. Starting on April 8, 2019 the City of Toronto will be accepting all requests for new school crossing guard locations. For more details on this transition, refer to the attached memo from Barbara Gray, General Manager of Transportation Services

Starting April 8, 2019, the City of Toronto will be accepting all requests for new school crossing guard locations. Residents who would like to request a new school crossing guard location should visit: [www.toronto.ca/SchoolCrossingGuard](http://www.toronto.ca/SchoolCrossingGuard). There will be a form posted online that residents will be required to complete. There are two intake periods ending January 31 and July 31 of each year. Once a

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request is received, the review process takes between six and eight months to confirm results of the evaluation. For further information contact the School Crossing Guard hotline at 416-397-7672 or [landy.cheung@toronto.ca](mailto:landy.cheung@toronto.ca).

### **TDSB Policy Consultations**

The Caring and Safe Schools Policy (P051) is being reviewed. Please visit the Policy Consultation page at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Policy-Consultations>