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## **PCEO UPDATES**

### **PO23-Parent, Caregiver Engagement Policy**

The Board at its May 2022 meeting approved the PO23 Policy. The new policy can be viewed at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/188> TDSB is also working on a Parent, Caregiver Engagement procedure to support the PO23-Parent, Caregiver Engagement Policy.

### **School Council Welcome Back Town Hall**

We are pleased to welcome back parents/caregivers, School Council members, Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Vice-chairs to the 2022-2023 school year. We will be hosting a welcome-back town hall for School Council members, parents/caregivers, and staff interested in learning about tools, resources and upcoming opportunities for School Councils. The conversation will highlight:

- Our Board's standards of operations for School Councils
- School Council Communication Tools
- School Council Funding

Please join us on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Click the link below to register. Interpretation is available. If you require interpretation, please register no later than, Monday, September 26, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

[https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_okiqEDMFTR6taA30kTUr4A](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_okiqEDMFTR6taA30kTUr4A)

### **Interim Expectations for Parent/Family Engagement in the School Improvement Process (SIP)**

At its meeting on June 30, 2021, the Board approved the extension of the 2019-2020 interim expectations for parent/caregiver involvement in the SIP to 2021-2022 with the addition of data sharing with parents and caregivers.

The 2021-2022 proposed interim expectations for school teams will focus on explaining the SIP and the value of parent/caregiver engagement. Principals will seek input on the initial thinking regarding SIP goals with the School Council (as required under Regulation 612) and from all parents and caregivers, particularly those, under-represented and under-served, share school data with parents/caregivers on (well-being, equity, and



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Achievement).

Schools will be commencing SIP work in the areas of achievement, equity, well-being, and Indigenous Education and Sovereignty. As part of their ongoing learning, we are currently working with our Superintendents on how to incorporate parent/caregiver engagement into the SIP with more coherence across the district.

Thank you to the PIAC members who met with the PCEO over the summer to review existing and new SIP tools for engaging parents/caregivers. The tools will be shared with PIAC, School Councils, Superintendents, and Principals.

### **PIAC's Quick Guide "Fall Tips for Principals" & School Council Outreach Plan**

At its meeting on June 19, 2019, the Board approved the distribution of PIACs fall Tips for Principals and School Council Outreach Plan to the Superintendents. The information will be shared with Superintendents for communication with principals. The School Council Outreach Plan will also be shared.

### **2021-2022 Program Priorities Funding (PPF)**

TDSB has received an allocation of \$ 264, 000 (\$10,000 more than last year) for the 2022-2023 school year for projects that demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents/caregivers in students' educational experiences. This year's allocation will support an array of areas following consultation with PIAC, SEAC, and the Urban Indigenous Community Advisory Committee (UICAC).

### **Election Activities and Use of Board Resources by TDSB Advisory Committees**

Please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/257> for information on the election rules and regulations for Advisory Committees and members of members the Board.

### **School Council By Law Template**

TDSB has updated the School Council By-Laws Template. The update includes:

- Mandatory articles that must be inserted into all TDSB School Council By-Laws;
- Optional articles that School Councils may or may not choose to insert;
- A template system that will enable School Councils to input their information and to have the By-Laws returned within 1-2 business days.

All Councils will be required to update or create by-laws by December 2022. The template will be shared with schools and Councils on September 30, 2022.



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## Parents, Caregivers as Partners Conference

The conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, and Sunday, October 23, 2022. For further information, visit <https://parentsaspartners.ca/>

## TDSB Combatting Hate and Racism – Student Learning Strategy

Hate and racism in any form have no place in schools and workplaces and we are committed to interrupting and confronting racism, discrimination, and hate, in all its forms when we see or hear it. The Board has developed a proactive and student-centered approach to creating respectful and culturally safe learning environments for all students. This plan is informed by our TDSB data from our racism, bias, and hate portal, which shows us that prejudice and implicit bias are learned beginning at a young age. For further information on the strategy visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Equity-Anti-Racism-and-Anti-Oppression/Combatting-Hate-and-Racism-Student-Learning-Strategy>

## tdsb.hub Resources

The hub is developed and maintained by the Boards Community Support Workers (CSWs). It provides parents/caregivers and School Councils with great resources and information on all things engagement and vast community resources. For details visit <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/csws/home>

## TDB System Calendar

Want to know what activities/events are taking place on the board? Visit the system calendar at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar>

## TDSB Connects

TDSB Connects is a monthly electronic newsletter for parents/guardians with information about news and events from across the Toronto District School Board. If you are a parent/guardian who doesn't currently receive TDSB Connects, please contact your local school to ensure your email address is up to date in your child's student contact record. To sign up visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/Newsletters/TDSB-Connects/Sep-27-2021>

## **INFORMATION SHARING**

### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 2022**

This [September 30](#) will be the second [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#), in addition to being the 8th annual [Orange Shirt Day](#).

Together the TDSB recognizes the legacy of Canada's residential school system and



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continues to learn the many truths of these institutions. We honour First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children and communities impacted by this system.

During Truth and Reconciliation Week, September 26 to 30, we encourage parents/caregivers to have a conversation with your children <https://www.cbc.ca/parents/learning/view/sharing-the-message-of-truth-and-reconciliation-with-your-kids> or participate in events <https://nctr.ca/>

Visit the Urban Indigenous Education Centre <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Home/ctl/Details/mid/42863/itemId/18> for learning resources and events

### **Building Foundational Reading Skills and Creating a Sense of Joy, Belonging and Engagement Through Picture Books**

The Early Years Department, in partnerships with Speech-Language, have created a series of resources to support the building of foundational reading skills while creating a sense of joy, belonging and engagement through the use of picture books at home. Additional information, resources and supports can be accessed at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Family-and-Caregivers/Picture-Books>

### **International Week of Deaf People (September 19 to September 25, 2022)**

Deaf communities are diverse, intersectional communities. This week, we celebrate our richly diverse deaf communities and the many ways of living and being in the world that our diverse deaf communities share. Among these identities are gender, age, sexuality, linguistic preferences, ethnicity, socio-economic background, disability, and religion.

It is our responsibility to recognize and promote the intersectional nature of deaf communities within services, projects, and advocacy work. Together, we can build strong communities respectful and inclusive of all deaf people.

For more information, please consider visiting the World Federation of the Deaf's website <http://wfdeaf.org/iwdeaf2021> as it focuses on building inclusive communities for all during the International Week of Deaf People from September 19 to September 25, 2022.