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PCEO UPDATES

Program Priorities Funding (PPF) –Parent Reaching Out Grant (PROG)

TDSB was allocated \$131, 563.00 for projects that demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents in students' educational experiences. All funds must be spent and reported to the Ministry by July 15, 2021.

Funds were allocated to support the following initiatives:

School Council Grant PPF Application -this grant was provided to School Councils to address Anti-Black Racism, anti-Indigeneity, and anti-oppression. There were 190 applications submitted and 80 were approved of which 6 were high schools, 11 Middle Schools, and 63 elementary schools. Of the 80 approved, 61 were supported by the PPF Grant for a total of \$76, 563.00 and 19 by PIAC allocated funds for a total of \$25,000. There

For further details <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Parents-Reaching-Out-Grants>

Virtual Parent/Caregiver engagement tools and supports (\$20,000)-renewal of the contract for 3000 ZOOM webinars used for supporting district-wide virtual engagement initiatives such as Parents as Partners, Conversation Series, Guidance Pathway & Transitions Sessions, etc.

Conversation Series 2.0-Going Deeper (\$35,000)

The series was relaunched in January with a conversation on Talking Race, followed by a February session on Racialized Trauma. April featured Dr. Lisa Damour talking about experiences of tweenaged girls Visit the Conversation web page for further information: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conversations-Series>



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School Council Update

School Messenger- Staff continues to work with the company to address the glitches in the program.

Support for School Council- PCEO continues to work with the Client Service Desk to provide requested Council account activation, login, and troubleshooting support to reduce the back log. Support for councils can be found at <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/schoolcouncil>

*PIAC E-mail Supports-*individual booking supports was implemented. Members who still require support should e-mail John.manalo@tdsb.on.ca

While Councils continue to activate and access the communication tools, whether e-mail account, ZOOM etc., we are seeing a slow and limited uptake of ZOOM and e-mail accounts. We will continue to work to provide more immediate supports where and when necessary, while continuing communication plan with SCs to improve the number of councils using the tools.

Parent/Guardian and Student Online Survey – Report

Recently, all TDSB students in Grades 6 to 12 and parents/caregivers were asked to take part in a check-in survey to let us know about your mental health and well-being, relationships, and learning experiences.

To view the survey results visit

[https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/Parent%2C%20Student%20and%20Staff%20Winter%20Check-in%20Surveys\(1\).pdf](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/Parent%2C%20Student%20and%20Staff%20Winter%20Check-in%20Surveys(1).pdf)

PO23-Policy Review

A report on reconvening PO23 policy review was approved by the Board. The first roll out of the review will be the CAC review. Approved consultation Critical Path will be shared with the PIAC Consultation Working Group.



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Parents as Partners (PasP) Conference 2021

PasP planning committee has resumed. Parent/caregiver interested in sitting on the committee may e-mail Margaret.horvath@tdsb.on.ca

INFORMATION SHARING

TDSB Schools Moving to Remote Learning After April Break

The Government of Ontario [announced](#) that all schools in the province, including those at the TDSB, will be moving to remote learning following the April break. Beginning on Monday, April 19, in-person schools will provide remote learning to students and TDSB virtual schools will continue as normal. The government has not yet provided a date for a return to in-person learning. As part of the announcement, the government indicated that data will be assessed on an ongoing basis and health officials will be consulted to determine when it will be safe to resume in-person learning. For more information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/>

Vaccine Information

Find COVID-19 vaccination resources [in many languages](#).

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-protect-yourself-others/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-resources/>

Please check the Toronto Public Health website for [updated information about COVID-19 and vaccines](#). <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/>

Ministry of Education Support for Learners

This funding is to provide parents/caregivers with essential financial supports during these unprecedented times. The deadline to apply is January 15, 2021.



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<https://www.iaccess.gov.on.ca/SupportForLearnersWeb/public/index.xhtml>

TVO Learn and TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison

- The Ministry of Education has announced the launch of two new portals developed in partnership with TVO and TFO. TVO Learn and TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison will provide optional supplemental support for students who are self-screening, quarantining at home, or wishing to build their skills by accessing additional educational resources developed by Ontario certified teachers. These portals provide engaging and interactive ways to support students in furthering their learning in the Grades 1 to 8 Ontario curriculum from home.
- Secondary students can continue to access TVO's Independent Learning Centre (ILC) Open House and Portes ouvertes pour les cours TVO ILC in French-language, which provide access to 144 Grade 9 to 12 courses. These ILC resources are not for credit but are designed to provide flexible learning opportunities to help students keep up with their learning or deepen their understanding of a specific subject. In addition, French-language students also have access to French-language online courses available through the Consortium d'apprentissage virtuel de l'Ontario.
- For further information visit: <https://tvolearn.com/>

Brightspace, Google Classroom, and Other Virtual Information for Parent/Caregivers in Virtual Schools

Parents/caregivers are encouraged to [create a "Brightspace for Parents" account](#) which will provide a window into their child's online classroom.

- The information available includes Upcoming Work, Recent Grades, Portfolio Items, and any items that may be overdue,
- Please note, to create a Brightspace for Parents account, the parent/caregiver must have an email address already on file in our Student Information System. If you already receive emails



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from TDSB and your child's school, you are ready to create an account. If you do not, contact the school to provide an e-mail address.

For information on Google Classroom and other virtual supports visit:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o2qPvYkLNGZoucHB_BmNTKJDWsqlsv7yJXU8jCp3oE/edit

Helpful Links

- Talking Race and Racism- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1473/Talking-about-Race-and-Racism-With-Children>
- Information on Return to School Virtual & In-person <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/>
- Information on supporting your child www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents
- Resources for [mental health and well-being](#), [homework](#), [safety](#), [curriculum](#) and other ways to [get involved](#).

Outdoor Learning – Getting outside safely is more important now than ever. To help families and staff get the most out of the outdoors safely and educationally, the TDSB has launched a new [outdoor learning webpage](#).

Human Rights – The TDSB has recently released its first-ever Human Rights Annual Report. Read it now on the [Human Rights webpage](#), where you can also learn how to report an incident and access policies and procedures.

Share Your Voice – The TDSB's Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee (EPCAC) is looking for parents and community members to [join the committee](#). EPCAC provides advice to the TDSB on



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matters concerning the implementation of the Equity Policy and identifies issues of broad community interest regarding equity in education, for the consideration of the TDSB and staff.

For information on TDSBs Community Advisory Committees visit

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees>