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PCEO UPDATES

School Councils

- Updated School council operations have been shared with Principals and will be shared with School Councils. Below is a draft of a more comprehensive plan that will be used to update information shared with Principals and shared with School Councils. Please feel free to contact



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michelle.munroe@tdsb.on.ca with feedback.

- On September 08, 2020 PCEO hosted a School Council Planning Session to provide information on School Council operations and hear from Councils ideas and concerns around operating virtually. The session was attended by over 200+ Council members. Attendees also completed a live Thought Exchange. To view the exchange visit:
<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/report/9cecbddcad6b9505c3e6c128af02167b>

Parents as Partners (PAP) Conference 2020

- PAP is scheduled for Saturday October 24 and Sunday October 25, 2020. It will be held virtually using Zoom.
- The Planning Committee has been activated. PIAC is represented by Zena S.
- Call for workshops will be put out to Zena on September 24, 2020.
- For future information on the conference visit: www.parentsaspartners.ca



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Parent Reaching Out Grant 2020 (Program Priorities Funding-PPF)

Due to labour disruptions and school closure (COVID) PROG resources were re-purposed to support the following:

- Parents as Partners Conference (space & Licenses)
- School Council Communication & Engagement (Zoom Licenses)
- Enhanced interpretation and translation services(Translation and remote services)
- Virtual Conversation Series-Six conversations were held between June and August 2020 across an array of topics. To listen to the series visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Return-to-School/Resources-for-Preparing-for-Back-to-School>

Parent Reaching Out Grant 2021(Program Priorities Funding)

- The Board has received \$131, 563. for the -2020-20221 school year with a spending deadline of June 30, 2021
- The Board is required to consult with PIAC on its allocation.

System Wide School Council Workshops

- Each year the Parent and Community Engagement Office provide workshops across the system to support the important work of school councils.
- For the 2020 season nine(9) sessions were delivered that addressed the following areas: School Council 101;School Council By-Laws & School Council Effectiveness
- The sessions ran from January 09-March 05, 2020.
- Virtual sessions for the 2020/2021 school year will commence in January 2021

P/V-P Training

- PCEO is exploring with Employee Services the feasibility of virtual training for the P/V-P 2020-21 process



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- **Brightspace for Parent/Caregivers in Virtual Learning**
Parents/caregivers are encouraged to [create a "Brightspace for Parents" account](#) which will provide a window into their child's online classroom.
- Information available includes, Upcoming Work, Recent Grades, Portfolio Items and any items that may be overdue
- Please note, in order 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 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

Helpful Links

- 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](#).