



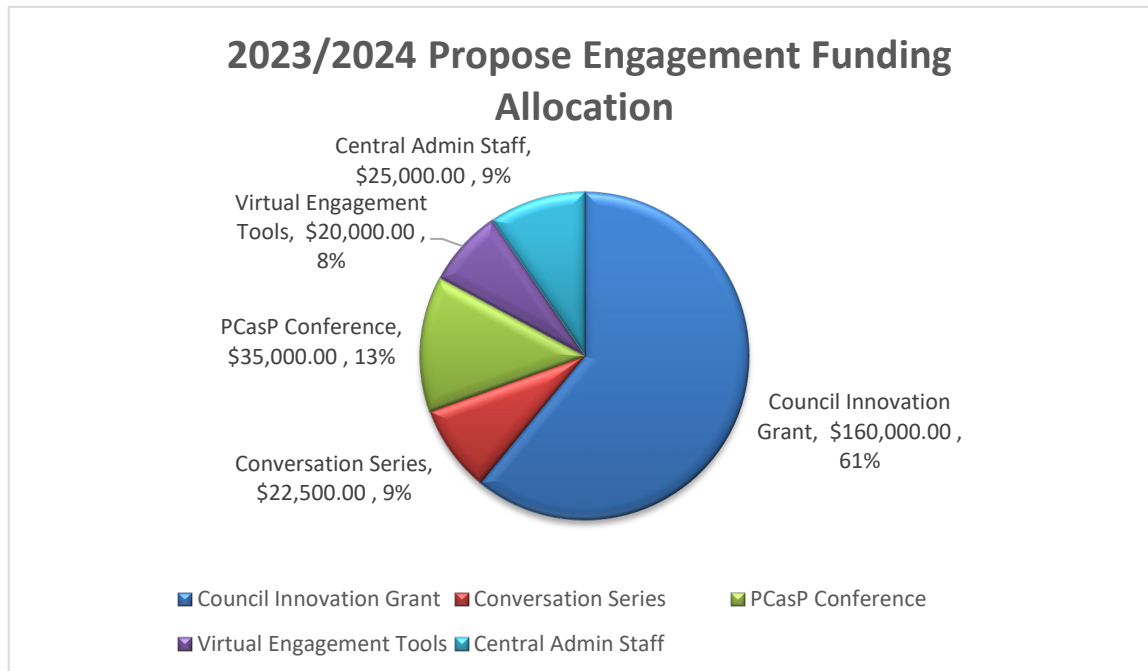
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PCEO UPDATES

2023/2024 Parent/Caregiver Funding

PIAC received \$44,826 and the TDSB received \$262,500 under the Engagement GSN. The GSN proposed allocation is outlined below:



PCEO School Council 2023-2024 Priorities

Our 2023/2024 Council priorities:

- Collaborate with schools, Councils, and Superintendents to improve the number of Councils with Bylaws and collection of Council chair contacts
- Continue to work with Superintendents, Schools, and Community Support Workers to ensure every school has an active Council, particularly the 150 Model Schools for Inner City.
- Rollout of 23/24 Council training schedule
- Rollout leadership training for Council Executives & Community Advisory Committees
- Rollout optional Council training for Principals
- Rollout optional professional for teachers engaging parents
- Commence work on Parent/caregiver Engagement Institute



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PIAC Orientation Sessions-Mark Your Calendar

Sessions will be held on

- Thursday, October 26, 2023, 6:00 pm
- Thursday, February 22, 2023

Parent/Caregiver as Partners Conference

Register now for the annual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference on October 21 and 22, 2023. Parents, guardians, and caregivers are invited to participate in a weekend of learning, connection, and engagement and to learn strategies to support your child throughout the year.

Spend the morning learning in virtual workshops and the afternoon exploring wonderful sites across the city. Visit www.parentsaspartners.ca to register and for more information.

We are in need of bus marshals for both days. Bus Marshals will travel on the bus and meet/greet parents/caregivers at each bus pick-up site. Please contact pceo@tdsb.on.ca if interested.

2023 – 2024 School Council Innovation Grant (SCIG) Application

The 2023 - 2024 School Council Innovation Grant (SCIG) application is now accepting applications until October 31, 2023. To learn more about the SCIG, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Grants-for-Student-Need/School-Council-Innovation-Grant>

Information sessions will be held on October 3, 2023, and October 10, 2023. Please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Grants-for-Student-Need/Information-Session> to learn more and to register.

School Council 2023-2024 Town Hall

The Town Hall was held on Thursday, September 28, 2023. There were over 300 Council members who registered and over 100 in attendance. Presentations addressed, Council banking, communication tools, bylaws, budgets, and much more. Attendees requested a Council Chair event and identified the following as their concerns for the year:



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1. Engaging parents/caregivers particularly racialized parents/caregivers
2. Collaborating with the school
3. Fundraising
4. Holding effective meetings
5. Council E-mails
6. Bylaws

A special thank you to the PCCEO staff, Brandie Waldriff, Finance Support Manager, Stephanie Harris Comptroller Finance and Kevin Bradbeer, Senior Manager - Business Operations IT Services.

New Online Vulnerable Sector Check Process for Volunteers

Effective September 05, 2023, TDSB volunteers who reside in Toronto can complete the Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) online. We strongly encourage all volunteers to complete the VSC online. Please visit <https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/> to register for an account using the TDSB Code: 202309TPSOND7EFC. The cost of \$26.72+tax can be paid with Visa, Visa Debit, MasterCard, or American Express.

TDSB Multi-year Strategic Plan- School Council & Parent/Caregiver Participation

School Councils and Parents/caregivers Have Your Say on the MYSP. Complete a survey or facilitate a session with your Council/parents/caregivers. For information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Multi-Year-Strategic-Plan/MYSP-Renewal>

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>



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INFORMATION SHARING

New Parent/Caregiver Focussed Digital Citizenship Workshop:

The TDSB is offering a free online digital citizenship workshop for parents/caregivers developed in partnership with Civix.

TDSB has worked with Civix to modify their Cntrl-F workshop and include content about artificial intelligence and understanding the spread of online hate with a session that is tailored for parents/caregivers.

We have 300 spots reserved for parents/caregivers to participate in 1 of our free online sessions via Zoom that will be offered as follows:

Thursday, October 12th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM OR Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Registration is required at: <https://CTRL-F-TDSB.eventbrite.ca>

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis till we reach 300 registrants.

If you have any questions, please email Kelsey Davis at kelsey@civix.ca

Out-of-Area Admissions and French Language Programs

Students in French programs have designated a pathway through middle/secondary based on the home address at the time of entry. Given changes to the Out-of-Area Admissions policy in May 2022, students in French Immersion/Extended French programs at a school other than their French program school based on their address, must return to their designated French pathway school by address for middle/secondary school. If students wish to attend a middle/secondary French Immersion/Extended French program that is not associated with their address, they must apply to that school via the Out-of-Area Admissions process within the timeframes provided at each transition point.

For more information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Pathways>



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TDSB Virtual Community Fair: For Parents/Caregivers of Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Special or Complex Needs

Come meet with our very own TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Education and Inclusion Consultants who will discuss crucial support at your child/youth/young adult's school. Get an opportunity to talk to a TDSB Psychologist, Occupation Therapist and Physiotherapist, Speech and Language Pathologist, Social Worker, and Special Education and Inclusion Consultant.

Guests: TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Education and Inclusion Consultants.

When: Monday, October 16th, 2023, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon, and the same information will be repeated on Monday, October 23rd, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. (flyer)

Register at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MSoHhkoSlnq6QHsKZlwwfBmKtSyuB4qk/view>

For more information send an email to virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca Or call Larena Case at 416-570-3314 or Maria Antonia Aymerich at 416-524-1930

Entry to School for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

The Ontario Autism Program (OAP) introduced Entry to School (ETC), a new program for young students with ASD. In Toronto, ETC is delivered by the Toronto Autism Network (TAN), which consists of six agencies (Geneva Centre, Surrey Place, Lumenus, Strides, SAAAC, and Kerry's Place). This is a six-month, group-based, skill-building program with a focus on preparing young children with ASD who have never attended school to transition to Kindergarten or Grade 1. To Register visit <https://www.torontoautismservices.ca/entry-to-school-program/#1642453678040-7e1183a2-5ce1>

International Languages Elementary Program

The International Languages Elementary Program is an enriching learning experience to learn or maintain a language and discover other cultures. No language background is necessary to participate.

Who: Kindergarten to Grade 8 (TDSB and Non-TDSB students).

When: Classes start from September to June, one day a week for two and a half hours.

Classes are held after school or on Saturdays.

Cost: \$20 material fee (one time).

For more information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Beyond-the-Classroom/International-Languages-Elementary-and-African-Heritage>



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TDSB Parent/Caregiver Literacy Site: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Family-and-Caregivers>

TDSB Early Instruction Guide:
https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/EarlyYears/docs/TDSBEarlyReadingInstruction_Family_CaregiverGuide_Final.pdf

TDSB French Resources for Parents/Caregivers of Students in French Programs
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Supporting-Students-at-Home>

TDSB Math Program-Supports for Parents/Caregivers: bit.ly/tdsbmathforfamilies