



Ward 10 Forum: Autism (ASD) Supports for Students & Families

Thursday, May 8, 2025, 6:00-8:00 pm

Rosedale Heights School for the Arts, 711 Bloor St E.

Minutes

[Trustee Slide Deck](#)

Welcome and Introductions

- Trustee Williams gave the [Land Acknowledgement](#)
- Trustee Williams introduced the Panel and the Superintendents present:
 - **Tanya Hazelton** - Centrally Assigned Principal LC 1 - Special Education and Inclusion Instructional Innovation and Equitable Outcomes
 - **Katia Palumbo** - Centrally Assigned Principal - Special Education and Inclusion Assistive Technology, ASD, SEA
 - **Richard Stern** - Principal, Kensington Community School
 - **Stephanie Hawkland** - Teacher, Kensington Community School
 - **Elsa Camargo** - Teacher, Kensington Community School
 - **Erin Altosaar** - Superintendent of Schools FOS9
 - **Jennifer Chan** - Superintendent of Schools FOS10

Autism (ASD) Supports for Students & Families

- [Slide Presentation: Special Education & Inclusion - Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)
- [Audio Link of Forum](#)
- Everything the Special Education & Inclusion Department does is centred around the TDSB's [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#)
- The TDSB's [Special Education Plan](#) outlines guidelines for identification and support of students with exceptionalities.
- [Slides 3, 4 & 5](#) show how students' needs are met through an interactive process with Special Education and Inclusion, schools and families.
- Staff from Kensington Community School shared their model of intensive support for ASD students and how they are using a team approach and reverse integration. (starting at 37:08 in the [audio file](#)).
- [Slides 6, 7 & 8](#) provide resources for families

Superintendents Report

- Focus in May and June is on year-end activities and celebrations.



Trustee **Deborah Williams**

Ward 10, University-Rosedale and Toronto Centre

Trustee Report

- May is [Asian Heritage Month](#) at the TDSB
 - [Anti Hate and Anti Racism Strategy - Upcoming Consultations](#)
- May is [Jewish Heritage Month](#) at the TDSB
 - [Being Jewish in Ontario, The Children's Republic](#)
- [TDSB Budget - Slides 16-25](#)

Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)

- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Community-Advisory-Committees/Parent-Involvement-Advisory-Committee>
- <https://www.torontopiac.com/>

French Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee (FSACAC)

- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Community-Advisory-Committees/French-Student-Achievement-Community-Advisory-Committee>
- [Sign up for the Newsletter](#)

Save The Date:

- Saturday, May 24th - [Fund Our Schools](#) Rally, because "Cuts Hurt Kids"