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Dear friends,

I hope many of you will be able to join me at two upcoming virtual Ward 11 events:

First, an evening ward forum on student accommodation, school capacity and land-use planning on the evening of June 2nd (7 - 8:30pm). With so much development in Ward 11 and throughout midtown Toronto, I get a lot of questions about TDSB planning and this event will attempt to give everyone a sense of how we plan for the future (and the present!) and give attendees a chance to ask questions about our process.

A flyer & registration link will follow next week, but mark your calendars for June 2nd!

Second, coming up on the morning of June 8th (9:30 - 11am), I'll be holding my final coffee morning of the 2021-2022 school year! The coffee morning is a chance for community members, council members and parents to come together with our superintendents and get updates about Board news, share information and have relaxed conversations about education in Ward 11.

To join the coffee morning, please [register online](#). Confirmation & Zoom link will be sent on June 7.

I look forward to connecting with many of you at these two meetings! Wishing everyone a safe and fun-filled long weekend!

A flyer for a community coffee meeting. At the top, it says "Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin invites you to" followed by "DON VALLEY WEST COMMUNITY COFFEE" in large, bold, underlined letters. Below this is an illustration of a white coffee cup on a saucer with steam rising from it and two coffee beans. Underneath the illustration, the date and time are listed: "Wednesday, June 8, 2022" and "9:30 - 11:00am". A horizontal line separates this from the text below, which reads: "The Ward 11 Community Coffee Meetings have gone virtual! Grab your favourite mug, and join us from the comfort of your own home for a casual conversation about the TDSB and our Ward 11 schools. If you are interested in attending, please register: <https://forms.gle/Ebc1wENHum2UFXND6> Meeting links and dial-in numbers will be shared with registrants the day before the meeting."

Warm regards,

Rachel

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## Summer School Program updates

On the TDSB website you can find all information about the 2022 [TDSB Summer programs](#) including:

- Elementary Summer School
- Extended Day Program – Summer Camp
- International Languages and African Heritage Language & Culture Program
- Outdoor Education Summer Camp
- Summer Music & Art Camps
- Credit Courses for e-Summer High School (online)
- Continuing Education Secondary Credit Summer Programs
- International Leadership and Peer Support Program

The [attached information](#) provides you with additional 2022 summer program updates at the TDSB, including:

- Head Start to High School Summer Program 2022 (deadline May 23)
  - 2022 Summer International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Program (In-person) – Registration Open
  - Learn4Life General Interest: Summer 2022 brochure is now available at [learn4life.ca](http://learn4life.ca).
  - Adult ESL 2022 Summer Program
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## CREATES Virtual Showcase Launching May 26, 2022

tdsb**CREATES**

tdsbCREATES is a board-wide Arts initiative, running from February-May 2022, that connects local Artists with classrooms to foster creativity while exploring Dance, Drama, Spoken Word, Media Arts, Film, Visual Arts and Music. The program culminates in a Virtual Showcase of student work, launching May 26, 2022. tdsbCREATES focuses on process and engagement through the Arts, while celebrating student voice, powerful ideas, and creativity for all.

This year's theme, Intersections, is an invitation to focus on (re)connecting, (re)encountering and (re)imagining the spaces we occupy; as we explore and celebrate the unique experiences of our students and their communities throughout Toronto.

Please join us in celebrating the creative potential of TDSB students by visiting the [tdsbCREATES Virtual Showcase](#) site on May 26, 2022.

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### **Conversation: The Insidious Nature of Antisemitism Past & Present - May 31**



**Join the Conversation!**

The next instalment of the TDSB Conversation series will feature Larry Mikulcik, National Coordinator for Fighting Antisemitism Together (FAST). He will look at antisemitism on a continuum and show how it has evolved over more than 2,000 years. It will also explore the religious, economic, racial, and political elements of antisemitism, and highlight world events and online sites/communications to demonstrate how antisemitism evolves and mutate and offer strategies to address antisemitism and how parents/caregivers can respond to or teach children to respond when they encounter antisemitism and racism in their (and our) daily lives.

This event will take place Tuesday, May 31, 6:30pm. More information and meeting link will be available at [www.tdsb.on.ca/Conversation](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Conversation).

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### **Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement: Grand Opening June 13**



The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement is proud to unveil the new physical space! This live-streamed evening is filled with activities including a video tour. There will be the unveiling of artwork developed by artist and creator of the LEGACY posters and Order of Canada recipient, Robert Small, along with award-winning Afrofuturist muralist and cultural curator, Danilo Deluxo. Moderated by Itah Sadu, the event features performances by the Coco Collective, TDSB Students from the Africentric Alternative School, and Randell Adjei, Ontario's first Poet Laureate, as well as remarks from Toronto District School Board staff and distinguished community members. More information and registration on [the event webpage](#).

To learn more about the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement, visit the

website [tdsb.on.ca/cebsa](https://tdsb.on.ca/cebsa) or follow on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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## Ongoing Policy Consultations

Everybody is invited to read draft policies, and provide comments, questions and recommendations, including suggestions on the wording and provisions of draft policies & policy revisions, including:



### Policy Consultations

- [Transportation of Students Policy \(P020\)](#) - e-mail comments until May 22, 2022 to [Garry.Green@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Garry.Green@tdsb.on.ca).
- [Purchasing policy \(P017\)](#) - closing date May 23.
- [Parent and Caregiver Engagement Policy \(P023\)](#) - more information at [www.tdsbengage.ca](http://www.tdsbengage.ca) and feedback appreciated through the [ThoughtExchange](#) until May 25, 2022.
- [Dealing with Abuse and Neglect of Students Policy \(P045\)](#) - closing date June 7.
- [Teacher Hiring Policy \(P098\)](#) - closing date June 12.
- [Flexible Working Arrangements Policy](#) (new policy) - closing date June 13
- [Communications](#) (new policy) - closing date July 4.

More information about all ongoing policy consultations is available on the [TDSB Policy Consultations webpage](#).

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## Letter: Student Trustee Governance

On behalf of the Toronto District School Board, Chair Alexander Brown issued a letter to Minister of Education Stephen Lecce to request amendments to the Education Act 1990 to better support [student trustee governance](#).

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## Elections 2022 - Are You on the Voter List?

For the Ontario Election on June 2, 2022. Ontario residents can visit [Elections Ontario - Voter Registration](#) to add, update or confirm your information on the voters list for individuals who are 18 years of age or older, Canadian citizens and residents of Ontario; Register of Absentee Voters for voters temporarily living outside Ontario who intend to return to the

province; or Ontario Register of Future Voters for eligible 16- and 17-year-olds who will be automatically added to the voters list when they turn 18.

For the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections on October 24, 2022, Ontario residents can visit [Voterlookup.ca](http://Voterlookup.ca) at any time to find out whether their information is accurately reflected for inclusion on the Preliminary List of Electors for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections. Eligible electors can also update their information, add a name to an address, or change their school support for electoral purposes. Let's be ready.

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## Heritage and History Months

The Toronto District School Board is proud to celebrate the following heritage and history months during May:

- [Asian Heritage Month](#)
  - [Jewish Heritage Month](#)
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## 2021-2022 School Year Calendar

The last day of class is June 30 (for elementary students) or June 29 (for secondary students).

### [Days of Significance Calendar](#)

There are no classes for students on the dates listed below.



PA Days & Holidays	Date
Victoria Day	May 23, 2022
Elementary School PA Day	June 3, 2022
Secondary School PA Day	June 30, 2022

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# KEY DATES - SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2022-2023

The official school year calendar for the Toronto District School Board runs from  
September 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, inclusive.

Professional Activity Days	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	June
Elementary Schools	6	7	18	2	13	17,	2
Secondary Schools	6	7	18			2, 17	29, 30

Designation of Professional Activity Days	
Elementary	Secondary
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. September 6, 2022 – Professional Development</li> <li>2. October 7, 2022 – Professional Development</li> <li>3. November 18, 2022 – Parent Teacher Conferences</li> <li>4. December 2, 2022 – Professional Development</li> <li>5. January 13, 2023 – Assessment and Reporting</li> <li>6. February 17, 2023 – Parent Teacher Conferences</li> <li>7. June 2, 2023 – Assessment and Reporting</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. September 6, 2022 – Professional Development</li> <li>2. October 7, 2022 – Professional Development</li> <li>3. November 18, 2022 – Professional Development</li> <li>4. February 2, 2023 – Professional Development</li> <li>5. February 17, 2023 – Professional Development</li> <li>6. June 29, 2023 – Professional Development</li> <li>7. June 30, 2023 – Professional Development</li> </ol>

**EQAO:** - The following dates have been established:

Gr. 9 Math: TBD  
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OSSLT: TBD  
Primary/Junior EQAO: TBD

Dates to Remember - School Year Holidays (as per Ministry of Education)	
Labour Day:	September 5, 2022
Thanksgiving:	October 10, 2022
Winter Break:	December 26, 2022 – January 6, 2023
Family Day:	February 20, 2023
Mid-Winter Break:	March 13 - 17, 2023
Good Friday:	April 7, 2023
Easter Monday:	April 10, 2023
Victoria Day:	May 22, 2023

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments or concerns!

~Rachel

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***If you notice anything at a school that concerns you, please call the TDSB 24-hour Call Centre (416) 395-4620, 311 Toronto, and/or Toronto Police (non-emergencies via 416-***

808-2222).

**If you or a family member is in crisis, please contact Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868  
or get support right now by texting CONNECT to 686868.**



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