



## Parent Concern Protocol

### Classroom Teacher

If you have any questions or concerns, the first person to go to is your classroom teacher. The classroom teacher can help with:

- Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

### School Principal

If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal can help.

- Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- Report card concerns
- Classroom concerns
- Code of Conduct
- Safety and security
- Budget and fundraising
- School Council

### School Superintendents

Superintendents are responsible for a Network of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with:

- Alternate attendance request
- Suspension appeals

### Trustees

Trustees are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the TDSB:

- Concerns about your community
- Ideas and suggestions for the Board
- Items on Board Agenda
- Board policies under review
- Board budget
- Collective bargaining

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! I hope that you and your family had a safe and enjoyable summer. I look forward to new and beginnings and welcoming students and staff back to an exciting and joyful school year ahead.

As the elected public school board Trustee for Willowdale, my role is to advocate for you and your child, and to represent the needs of all students and families in the Toronto District School Board. I am pleased to share updates and important information in this newsletter.

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윌로우데일 지역을 위해 선출된 공립 학교 위원회 이사로서, 제 역할은 귀하와 귀하의 자녀를 지원하고 토론토 교육청 소속 모든 학생과 가정의 요구를 대변하는 것입니다. 이 소식지에 업데이트 사항과 중요한 정보를 공유하게 되어 기쁩니다.

作为 Willowdale 地区公立教育局民选学务委员，我的职责是为您和您的孩子发声，并在多伦多教育局中代表本地区所有学生和家庭的利益。我很高兴能够通过此次通讯简报向您分享最新、最重要的信息。

For complete translation of this newsletter, please visit Trustee Alexander Brown website [www.tdsb.on.ca/ward12](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward12)

After more than two years of the pandemic, we are preparing to welcome students and staff to a more normal school year in September. While most COVID-19 measures have been lifted by the Government of Ontario, the health and safety of our school communities remains our top priority. The TDSB will continue to monitor the pandemic and follow the guidance and direction from the Ministry of Education and public health officials as needed.

Your involvement in your child's education and school life plays a very important role in ensuring the success of our schools and students. There are a variety of ways that you can get involved and contribute to your school community. From volunteering in your local school to participating in school councils or advisory committees, you can make a difference and have your voice heard.

We know that school can be an exciting and overwhelming time – for both students and parents/guardians. To help you and your child have a great year, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) and for information on the school year calendar, go to [www.tdsb.on.ca/school-year-2022-23](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/school-year-2022-23). I encourage you to visit the webpage for parents [www.tdsb.on.ca/forparents](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/forparents) where you can find many helpful resources for parents and students: homework tips, transportation information, supports for mental health, healthy living, bullying, special education, parent involvement and more. For a list of tools and resources, including those tailored for students and parents/guardians, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Mental-Health-Well-Being>.

To stay informed, please sign up for my e-newsletter and visit my webpage at [www.tdsb.on.ca/ward12](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward12). For system-wide news about the Toronto District School Board, subscribe to TDSB Update at [www.tdsb.on.ca/TDSBupdate](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/TDSBupdate) and follow the TDSB on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Throughout the year, you will also continue to receive important information and updates from your school and the system via email. I look forward to working with you to improve student achievement and create healthier learning environments for all.

Sincerely,  
Alexander Brown  
Ward 12, Willowdale

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#### Reasons to contact your Trustee:

Board Budget and Financial Information \* Ideas and Suggestions for Board \* Board Policies and Procedures

#### Trustee Newsletters and Updates:

Keep informed about the TDSB, Trustee Ward meetings, Community Events, Board Decisions and much more . . .

You can sign up to receive a regular Newsletter and Board update. Visit my website or email me and ask to be put on the list.



**Back to School**

After more than two years of the pandemic and conditions constantly evolving, final decisions about health and safety protocols for the 2022/23 school year are hard to determine and may change once the school year begins. The TDSB makes every effort to align with the direction from the Ministry of Education, Chief Medical Officer of Health and Toronto Public Health; However, given the uncertainty of Covid-19, things may change. However, given the uncertainty of Covid-19, things may change. For important information and timely updates, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca).

Back to school resources for families are available online. Should you have questions or need further support, principals will also be back in school on Aug. 22 (secondary) and Aug. 29 (elementary).

Throughout the year there are some Important Dates at the TDSB that you should be aware of. For information about these dates, visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolyearcalendar](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolyearcalendar)

**School Council - Resources for Parents**

The purpose of School Councils is to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. School councils make recommendations to their Principals, the local Trustee and the Board on any matter. Principals and school boards must consult with school councils on a variety of matters that affect student learning. They must also consider recommendations made by school councils and report back to the councils on how they plan to act on their advice. A comprehensive guide to school council operations is provided by the Ontario Ministry of Education: School Councils: A Guide for Members. Visit [www.torontopiac.com](http://www.torontopiac.com) to learn a lot more about School Councils and how you can get involved as a parent and school leader. Everyone is welcome to join a School Council. I look forward to working with you locally to improve schools and outcomes for all students.

**Important Contacts for School Council Issues:**

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**Ward Forums**

Every school year I host several ward meetings for parents/guardians, school councils and students.

The meetings give me a chance to connect with you directly, provide useful information, and create an opportunity to share your experiences and open lines of communication with others in Willowdale schools. This year I want to get your feedback and recommendations for topics, speakers and locations for Ward Forums. Let me know what your ideas are. I will reach out with details before the end of September 2022.

**Student Trustees 2022/23**

I'm happy and proud to introduce the Student Trustees for this year. Jeffrey Osaro from Northview Heights Secondary School and Naomi Musa from Central Toronto Academy are the elected student trustees for the 2022-23 school year. Jeffrey and Naomi were elected as Student Trustees by their peers via an online election on April 28. Jeffrey and Naomi join Isaiah Shafqat, Indigenous Student Trustee, who attends Kapapamahchakwew - Wandering Spirit School. This is Isaiah's third term as an Indigenous Student Trustee, a role that is appointed by the Elders Council.

Student trustees represent the voice of over 250,000 students in the TDSB and sit on the Board of Trustees during Board meetings. Students throughout the district can get in touch with Student Trustees to share concerns, get advice and learn more about the TDSB and how their voices can have an impact. Learn more about Student Trustees by visiting [tdsb.on.ca](http://tdsb.on.ca)

**School Accessibility, Capacity & Condition**

The Toronto District School Board is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that actively promotes and supports Human Rights and accessibility for persons with disabilities. We are committed to actively removing barriers - both visible and invisible to allow all members of our community to fully participate in TDSB activities. How Accessible are TDSB Schools? Out of 570 buildings 160 buildings have been categorized as accessible, 78 as somewhat accessible and 332 as not accessible at all. Far too many are inaccessible to students and staff. This affects schools in Willowdale as well. For more information contact me at [Alexander.Brown@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Alexander.Brown@tdsb.on.ca) to get a copy of the report.

For more information contact me at [Alexander.Brown@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Alexander.Brown@tdsb.on.ca) to get a copy of the report MAKING SCHOOL BUILDINGS & SITES MORE ACCESSIBLE. You can also find this report by visiting [www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes) and using the drop down menu to click on Planning and Priorities Committee – Nov. 3, 2021.

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