



Trustee
James Li

Ward 13, Don Valley North

August 2024

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and safe summer. As we prepare to embark on a new school year, I am filled with anticipation and excitement for the opportunities and growth that lie ahead for TDSB students and communities.

As the elected public school board trustee for your community, my role is to advocate for you and your child and represent the needs of all students and families in the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). I am extremely proud of the progress we have made in strengthening student achievement, fostering a sense of belonging, and spreading joy throughout our schools and community.

This past school year, we tackled several critical issues, including cell phone use in schools, social media, and academic achievement. These initiatives are at the heart of our commitment to creating productive and supportive learning environments for all students. Despite the financial challenges we've faced in recent years, we continue to maintain important supports for students while advocating for the Ministry to provide the necessary and sustainable support and adjustments for the TDSB to deliver the highest quality education. For more details about our efforts and the key issues we have highlighted, [please review our advocacy letters available on our public webpage](#).

In Ward 13, we have celebrated many notable successes in the 2023 – 2024 school year.

- Our students from Georges Vanier Secondary School represented Canada in the World Robotics Competition in Texas.
- Zion Heights Middle School hosted the North Toronto Speech Arts Festival & Competition where students from Ward 13 schools won top prizes.
- Woodbine Middle School Cricket Team won the TDSB North Championship and came in second place in the City Finals.
- AY Jackson Secondary School Chess Team won first place in the Northview TDSB Finals.
- AY Jackson also hosted the first-ever official TDSB Lunar New Year celebration and concert.
- We pushed forward 57 individual capital projects in 23 Ward 13 schools to upgrade and improve school grounds, play equipment, parking lots, and school buildings so our students can have a better environment to learn.

I am also thrilled to share the recently launched [2024-28 Multi-Year Strategic Plan \(MYSP\)](#), which was developed through extensive collaboration and focuses on high achievement, student well-being, and accountability. We are committed to excellence and addressing the unique needs of each student.

We are also developing a new Cell Phone/Mobile Device Use in Schools Policy, aimed at enhancing student success, belonging, and well-being. A pre-consultation was conducted earlier this spring to gather feedback from school and community partners, ensuring the policy will meet legislative requirements and align with best practices.

To ensure you and your child have a great year ahead, I invite you to explore our website www.tdsb.on.ca for information about the school year calendar, transportation, ways to get involved, as well as helpful resources for the upcoming school year. You can also sign up for my e-newsletter and visit my webpage at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward13/>.

We will be ready to welcome students back for the first day of the 2024-25 school year on September 3, 2024. I am here to support you every step of the way, ensuring a successful and rewarding educational journey for your child.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Li".

James



2024-2025 Information



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PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 2, 2024
Elementary School PA Day	September 27, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	October 11, 2024
Thanksgiving	October 14, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	November 15, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	November 29, 2024
Winter Break	December 23, 2024 – January 3, 2025
Elementary School PA Day	January 17, 2025
Secondary School PA Day	January 30, 2025
Board-wide PA Day	February 14, 2025
Family Day	February 17, 2025
Mid-Winter Break	March 10 - 14, 2025
Good Friday	April 18, 2025
Easter Monday	April 21, 2025
Victoria Day	May 19, 2025
Elementary School PA Day	June 6, 2025
Secondary School PA Day	June 26, 2025
Secondary School PA Day	June 27, 2025

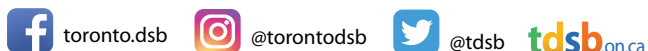
First day of classes for students is Tuesday, September 3, 2024
 The last day of classes for elementary students is June 27, 2025.
 The last day of classes for secondary students is June 25, 2025.

Days of Significance

For more information, please visit

www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolyearcalendar www.tdsb.on.ca/daysofsignificance

Follow the TDSB on Social Media



Parent Concern Protocol Classroom Teacher

STEP ONE 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

STEP TWO 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

STEP THREE 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

STEP FOUR 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

Board Office

You can contact the Board Office directly for any questions or concerns related to:

- Continuing Education
- Night and summer school
- Adult education
- ESL
- Board documents

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