

Trustee Sara Ehrhardt Ward 15, Toronto-Danforth

Dear Toronto-Danforth Resident,

I am Sara Ehrhardt, your elected public school board trustee. I represent our community at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) in support of public education. Included here is my contact information and who to contact with questions or concerns related to schools.

Everyone is welcome at the Toronto District School Board, including Adult learners and English as a Second Language (ESL) learners. You can find information about programs offered through the school board at <u>www.tdsb.on.ca</u>

As the 2023-24 school year gets underway, I would like to highlight the following:

Budget and Staffing Cuts:

Although Trustees approve school board budgets, funding levels are set by the province. The provincial government removed Covid-19 supports, forcing cuts to staff - including in our area schools. My Trustee colleagues and I continue to advocate to the province for sufficient funding to meet student needs.

Strategic Plan Consultation:

The province requires school boards to develop multi-year strategic plans. I will be holding a public consultation meeting on updating this plan, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday September 26. You can find details at www.tdsb.on.ca/ward15 and can complete an online engagement survey here: www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal

Health and Safety:

- For security issues, please contact your school directly. Outside of school hours, contact the TDSB security operation centre at 416-395-4620
- The TDSB has mental health resources tailored to students, parents, and caregivers available online at www.tdsb.on.ca/MHWB
- I encourage best practices to reduce the spread of Covid and other respiratory illnesses. This includes staying home from school when sick, staying up to date on vaccinations, and wearing a well-fitted mask in crowded settings. Covid-19 vaccines are available for those 6 months and older, more information is available at <u>www.toronto.ca/covid-19</u>. The TDSB will continue to provide medical masks to students who want to wear one.

School Board trustees are not full-time positions in Ontario. Beyond serving as your Trustee, I work full-time and am a parent of a school-age child. I seek to respond to all messages received within one week. I invite you to subscribe to my email newsletter for community updates and information on board decisions through <u>www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward15</u>. You can also follow my social media on Facebook, Instagram, Threads, or Twitter/X through @TrusteeSara

Take care,

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Sara Ehrhardt TDSB Trustee Toronto-Danforth



2023-2024 Information



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Find Your School & School Superintendent: www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School Board Office at 416-397-3000 or GeneralInguiries@tdsb.on.ca

PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 4, 2023
Board-wide PA Day	October 6, 2023
Thanksgiving	October 9, 2023
Board-wide PA Day	November 17, 2023
Elementary PA Day	December 8, 2023
Winter Break	December 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024
Elementary PA Day	January 19, 2024
Secondary PA Day	February 1, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	February 16, 2024
Family Day	February 19, 2024
March Break	March 11 - 15, 2024
Good Friday	March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	April 1, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	April 19, 2024
Victoria Day	May 20, 2024
Elementary School PA Day	June 7, 2024
Secondary School PA Day	June 27, 2024
Secondary School PA Day	June 28, 2024

First day of classes for students is September 5, 2023 The last day of class for elementary students is June 27, 2024 The last day of class for secondary students is June 28, 2024

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Days of Significance

For more information, please visit

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

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Parent Concern Protocol **Classroom Teacher**



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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 STEP 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



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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

Board Office

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

• ESL

Board documents

- Continuing Education
- Night and summer school
- Adult education
- Phone: 416-397-3000 Email: GeneralInguiries@TDSB.on.ca