

Trustee Update

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Director's Latest Updates to Parents/Guardians: COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

The Toronto District School Board is committed to keeping all parents/guardians updated on the impact of COVID-19 on schools and any developments with regard to remote learning. Below are the recent updates from Director of Education John Malloy:

- [Update on Remote Learning](#) (May 1, 2020)
- [Extension of School Closures Announced](#) (April 26, 2020)

For more information and resources, please visit:

- [our FAQ page](#)
- [continuation of remote learning and wellbeing](#)



Education Week in Ontario kicks off on Monday and runs May 4 to 8, 2020. This week is an opportunity to highlight the work and initiatives underway in the TDSB in support of equity, and students' well-being and achievement.

This year, school closures and remote learning have had a significant impact on our lives and have dramatically changed how we connect, collaborate, learn and support each other. With that in mind, the focus of this year's Education Week in

the TDSB will celebrate how, in this new environment, we are coming together as an education community and are:

- Supporting and prioritizing the health and well-being of students and staff
- Focusing on the continuation of learning in a variety of ways
- Maintaining relationships and connection to one another
- Engaging all students
- Supporting all partners in this work, including parents and families

Each day, the TDSB will highlight a different aspect of this work to help inspire, celebrate and connect with our students, staff and TDSB community.

Follow along on [social media](#) at #TDSBEdWeek and tag and share stories of success in your school community.



TDSB Recognizes Children's Mental Health Week

This week, we recognize Children's Mental Health Week in the TDSB.

During these challenging times while our schools are closed, the mental health and

well-being of our students is a priority in the TDSB. Caring for others and being cared for is one of the most powerful protective factors for everyone's mental health and well-being. Research shows that providing a caring, inclusive and welcoming climate improves resilience and the ability to achieve.

We want everyone to focus on noticing, encouraging and acknowledging caring and kind interactions. We need to help ensure that every student feels that they are valued and that they matter. Caring matters now more than ever!

Take a look at our [COVID-19 specific resources](#) as well as resources that support students' [ongoing mental health and well-being needs](#).

Follow [#TDSBwellness](#) online too, and on our [website](#), and learn practical tips and strategies for well-being.

Join the conversation, [online](#) too, at #TDSBcaringmatters!

Community Supports and Resources



The Toronto District School Board is committed to the safety and well-being of our students and families, while continuing to support students learning at home in a variety of ways. To ensure access to information on essential services and supports, we have developed a list of external community-based resources that we hope can offer assistance during this period.

For the most updated list, please visit the webpage for [Community Supports and Resources](#).

PA Days and Examination Days

The Ministry of Education has directed school boards that all remaining professional activity days and examination days for the current school year (2019-2020) are to be used for instruction. This is to maximize instructional time for students during this unprecedented time. As a result, amendments have been made to RRO 1990, Regulation 304 (School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days) under the *Education Act*.

2020-21 School Year Calendar

The Ministry of Education also advised that 2020-2021 school year calendar submissions are not being considered for approval at this time. The TDSB's draft 2020-2021 school year calendar was approved by Trustees at the March board meeting and submitted to the Ministry for approval. The Ministry has committed to providing school boards with additional information once decisions on the 2020-2021 school year have been made.

Update on Labour Negotiations

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) and the government of

Ontario have reached a tentative agreement with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) at both the teacher/occasional teacher and education worker central bargaining tables. OSSTF has indicated that the new contract will be put to a ratification vote in May.

An agreement between the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), OPSBA and the government of Ontario has also been reached. This agreement was ratified on April 28.

For more information, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/labour.



May is Asian Heritage Month

<https://tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1453/Asian-Heritage-Month-at-the-TDSB>



May is Jewish Heritage Month

<https://tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1454/Jewish-Heritage-Month-in-the-TDSB>



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