

Trustee Update

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Remote Learning Continues

The Ontario Government has mandated that schools continue with remote learning indefinitely. (Virtual School will continue as is).

While there is no date for a return to in-person learning, our teachers and education workers are committed to providing the best possible experience for their students during this third lockdown.

The TDSB virtual library has a great set of resources for students and teachers <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/library>. You may also want to bookmark the Student Virtual Learning IT Support page <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/In-Person-Learning/Student-Virtual-Learning-IT-Support>.

To read the announcement, click here

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1625/TDSB-Schools-Moving-to-Remote-Learning-After-April-Break>

Additional Resources:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/In-Person-Learning/Resources-During-Covid-19>.

[Noticing Mental Health Concerns for Your Child](#)

[Your Child's Mental Wellness and Remote Learning](#)

[Culturally-Responsive Mental Health Supports](#)

[Coping with Learning from Home](#)

Minutes from Ward 15 Forum Thursday April 8, 2021

[Student Mental Health and Well-Being with Shameen Sandhu](#)

Vaccine Update for TDSB
education workers living or
working in schools in Toronto
COVID-19 hot spot
neighbourhoods



Read the TDSB update [here](#).

As a reminder, Toronto COVID-19 hot spot neighborhoods are designated by Toronto postal codes and you can find the postal codes [here](#).

TDSB Playgrounds

TDSB Playgrounds Remain Open

Following a reversal from the Provincial Government, school playgrounds will now remain open.

[Province wide Stay-at-Home order](#)

2021 Summer Programs



Please note: Prior to April 19th registration date, students will not be able to register.

Elementary Summer School

The focus of the Elementary Summer School

Program is to continue student learning and engagement through the month of July. Programs embedded in Literacy and Numeracy are developed by the local summer school Principal to reflect the local school focus. Thirty-eight (38) programs are offered to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8, from July 5 to 30, 2021, in-person or online through virtual instruction. Registration is now open!

Click here for a full list of participating schools and registration information

- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Elementary-Summer-School>.

Secondary Credit Summer Programs *Please note that space is limited, and courses may fill up prior to the close of registration.*

TDSB Grade 8 Summer Reach Ahead Opportunity: Current TDSB Grade 8 students are eligible to register for either the TDSB Continuing Education, Hybrid or Remote Secondary Full Credit Summer Reach Ahead course, GLD2O1, or the e-Summer Full Credit Summer Reach Ahead course, GLD2OE.

Remote Credit Recovery - For TDSB Students ONLY: The Toronto District School Board is offering current TDSB students the opportunity to recover one or two credits for the month of July 2021. Remote Summer Credit Recovery courses are open to current TDSB high school students who have taken the course in the past two years but have not earned the credit. All classes are remote, there are no in-person classes available. Regular attendance in the remote environment is a requirement. Students may enroll in one course either in the AM or PM or in two courses, one in the AM and one in the PM.

Remote Summer Full Credit Program: Students can enroll in one full-credit course that is offered in July only. All classes are remote in the remote learning model. In our Remote Learning model students will be at home learning live with their teacher daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and again from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Students will be able to receive extra help daily from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In-Person Hybrid Summer Full Credit Program: Students can enroll in one full-credit course that is offered in July only. Should an announcement be made that only remote learning can take place, students need to be prepared to pivot to remote learning. In our Hybrid Learning model students will be following a three (3) day rotating schedule including in-person, synchronous and asynchronous learning.

Remote Summer Full Credit Program Adult 21+: Adults can enroll in one full-credit course that is offered in July only at City Adult Learning Centre or Emery Adult Learning Centre. All classes are remote. There are no in-person classes available.

Please note the Continuing Education Department, Secondary Credit Programming office remains closed and cannot receive phone messages at this time. Please email us

Government's Proposed Plan for Remote Learning

The recent draft proposal from the Ministry of Education regarding remote learning, and an expanded role for TVO in our education system is very concerning. Although the full details remain confidential, many of the details of the proposal have been published in a variety of publications, including but not limited to the Globe & Mail and the Toronto Star.

At the TDSB Planning & Priorities Meeting on Tuesday, Trustees passed unanimously a **Motion to Stop the Plans for Radical Changes to Remote Learning in Ontario - Preserve Student Achievement and Well-being through Locally delivered Public Education.**

Be it resolved that the Chair of the Toronto District School Board write to the Minister of Education to express this board's objection to the rushed and radical changes to remote learning that the government is proposing and that the letter include the following:

- 1. There is no evidence to support that this policy change will improve student achievement or well-being;*
- 2. TDSB data shows that students and families prefer local in-person learning;*
- 3. Rushing through these radical changes to remote learning after a year of isolation and instability created by the Covid-19 pandemic risks causing real harm to our students; and*
- 4. The government must immediately stop its consideration of this proposal until the full impacts of remote learning on students during this pandemic are known.*

Part of the conversation at the Board table was the importance of communicating to parents on the potential impacts that this proposal will have on their child/children's education, as well as public education as a whole. The timing is completely off - it comes at a time when our province continues to struggle with the COVID-19 pandemic, and plans for the return to school this September are unclear - except the province has made it clear that there will be no additional funding to boards for remote learning.

We still don't understand the full impacts of the pandemic on mental health and wellness or on the academic achievement of students. While our data tells us some students have had a positive experience with remote learning, there are many others who have experienced significant mental health challenges and feelings of isolation - and 84% of our students surveyed in February said they learn better in-person compared to virtual learning;

We hope to share information with parents/caregivers following this week's approval at Board.



Policy Consultations

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is committed to open and inclusive policy decision-making and values community input and participation through consultation.

Consultation is a two-way communication process between the Board and external participants, including students and their parents/guardians, school councils, advisory committees, community members, different levels of government, service agencies, professional organizations and union partners. The objective of consultation is to gather public input regarding options, alternative courses of action, as well as to identify unintended effects for various participants and to find solutions. Please see revised the [Policy Review Schedule](#).

New Consultations

Parent and Community Involvement Policy [P023 – Parent and Community Involvement Policy](#) We are inviting feedback from our community as we develop the first draft of the policy. Learn more, and share your voice, at www.tdsbengage.ca

Specialized Schools and Programs Policy - [Draft New Policy](#) - Objective:

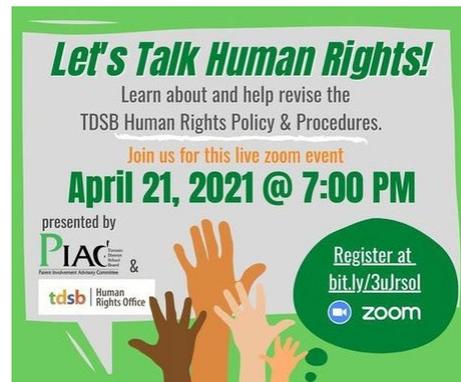
Video: [Improving Access for all Students: Overview of the Secondary Program Review](#) - Learn more: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Secondary-Program-Review> and Email: secondaryreview@tdsb.on.ca

Let's Talk Human Rights -

April 21

The TDSB is currently revising its Human Rights Policy & Procedures ([Draft Human Rights Policy](#)).

Please join PIAC & the TDSB Human Rights Office for a live zoom event to provide input: **Wednesday, April 21, 7pm**. Register here <http://bit.ly/3uJrsol>.



Earth Day 2021

AS THE WORLD RETURNS TO NORMAL, WE CAN'T GO BACK TO BUSINESS-AS-USUAL

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/>



From April 20-22, join the world's leaders for Earth Day 2021. Together, we can prevent the coming disasters of climate change and environmental destruction. Together, we can Restore Our Earth™. Come back on April 20 for the start of the event, and follow our platforms to join the discussion. The theme of Earth Day 2021 is Restore Our Earth™.

Important Links

- [Learning Centre 4 Virtual Elementary School Contact List](#)
- [Virtual Secondary School Contact List](#)
- [Supports for Virtual Learning](#)
- [Support for Your Mental Health and Well-Being During COVID-19](#)

- [In-Person Learning](#)
- [TDSB Upcoming Board Meetings](#)

School Year Calendar 2020-2021

The last day of class for elementary students is June 29

Secondary Quadmester Calendar

- **Quad 3: Feb 8 - April 22**
- **Quad 4: April 23 - June 28**

[Days of Significance Calendar](#) - please check before scheduling events.

Note: Ramadan 2021 continues through Wednesday, May 12. The @icna has also provided a link to their [Ramadan Resource Guide for Educators](#) - hope you find it helpful

PA Days & Holidays Remaining

Victoria Day	May 24, 2021
Elementary School PA Day	June 4, 2021
Secondary School PA Day	June 29, 2021



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