

Trustee Update

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Supporting Healthy, Safe and Respectful Schools

As we move to a more sustainable model of living with COVID-19, a number of health and safety measures continue to remain in place. Please be respectful of others and individual choices.

[Learn more.](#)

Ministry of Education's New Online Learning Graduation Requirement

The Ontario Ministry of Education has introduced a new graduation requirement for secondary students to complete two e-Learning credits as part of the 30 credits required for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). It applies only to students who entered Grade 9 on or after September 1, 2020 which means that they are now in Grade 9 or Grade 10. Students may withdraw/opt out of this new graduation requirement and graduate with an OSSD.

[Learn more.](#)

Letter: Toronto Partnership for the Protection and Well-Being of Children and Youth

On behalf of the Toronto District School Board, Chair Alexander Brown wrote the Prime Minister, Premier and Mayor to express concerns about the protection and well-being of children and youth in the Greater Toronto Area, including students at the TDSB, and ask for their assistance and your partnership.

[Read the letter.](#)

Letter: Addressing Pandemic Impacts on Youngest Learners

On behalf of the Toronto District School Board, Chair Alexander Brown wrote to the Minister of Education to express concerns about the extraordinary developmental needs of incoming Kindergarten students resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read the letter.](#)

Consultation: Student Attendance, Safe Arrival and Safe Departure Policy (P085)

Consultation is underway for the TDSB's revised Student Attendance, Safe Arrival and Safe Departure Policy (P085), and we want to hear from you. Complete the survey and/or sign up to participate in a consultation webinar.

[Learn more.](#)

Join the Conversation: Nurturing Children's Gender and Identity

TDSB parents/caregivers are invited to join us for two new engaging and informative conversations on topics we heard you want to learn more about. Hear from leading experts and participate in question and answer sessions online. Our next sessions are:

Nurturing Children's Gender and Identity, with Presenter Vivek Shraya

Thursday, May 19, 2022

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Join at www.tdsb.on.ca/conversation.

Join the Conversation: Parent Reboot Recorded Session with Dr. Shefali Tsabary

TDSB is pleased to be offering parents/caregivers FREE access to this great three hour recording Reboot session with Dr. Shefali Tsabary who will help answer parents/caregivers questions and concerns on 5 stressors for parents/caregivers (1) screen addition, (2) children disrespect (3) lying (4) tantrum

and (5) anxiety. The session provides golden nuggets to address the 5 stressors. Visit www.tdsb.on.ca/conversation to sign-up for free access to the recording.

These conversations are jointly hosted by the TDSB's Parent and Community Engagement Office and the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee and generously supported by the Ministry of Education's Parents Reaching Out Grants. Learn more at www.tdsb.on.ca/conversation.

Elementary Summer School – Registration Now Open!

The focus of the 2022 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student 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.

Programs are offered to students in K to Grade 8, from July 4 to July 29, 2022. Most classes run for three (3) hours from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., except for four (4) full day sites that run 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information and to register, please visit the Elementary Summer School program page.

TDSB Students Learn About Allyship and Advocacy at EnVision Conference 2022

More than 1,000 students and educators from across the TDSB participated in the annual [EnVision Conference](#) in March which focused on honouring and celebrating 2SLGBTQIAP+ communities as well as issues faced across Ontario in relation to addressing homophobia and transphobia.

EnVision 2022 was a collaboration between the [Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression](#) team, the [Urban Indigenous Education Centre](#), the [Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement](#), the TDSB GSA Network, the Gender-Based Violence Prevention Program Team and the [Human Rights Office](#).

Over the course of two days, students were encouraged to ask questions and explore ways to celebrate gender and sexual diversity in schools and beyond.

[Learn more.](#)

High Water Levels Brings Increased Risks

The Toronto and Region Conservation monitors hazardous ice conditions as thaw begins and are reminding everyone to be very careful around all bodies of water. The first hint of warming weather and the promise of spring thaw can bring extreme danger to the shores and surfaces of streams, rivers, ponds and lakes, according to Toronto and Region Conservation.

As warmer temperatures arrive, stream banks become increasingly slippery and unstable. Lake and river ice weakens, becoming thinner or with higher flows breaking with little or no warning. During this time, the potential for flooding and ice jamming is high.

Higher, faster-flowing water and extreme cold temperatures combine to create increased dangers on or near rivers, streams and ponds for people wishing to enjoy the seasonal changes. Parents and caregivers are being asked to keep children away from stream banks, ponds and lakes.

Heritage and History Months

The Toronto District School Board is proud to celebrate and recognize the following Heritage Months during the month of April:

- [Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
- [Latin-America History Month](#)
- [Sikh Heritage Month](#)

Driving to School

A child struck by a car travelling at 50 km/hr is eight times more likely to be killed than a child struck at 30 km/hr. Children 10 and under are most at risk for pedestrian related injuries. Therefore, if you are driving your child to or from school, it is important to be alert and slow down as children are smaller and harder to see. In addition, it might be difficult for children to determine the direction of sound and judging distance or speed.



Here are some safety tips from Toronto Public Health:

- Follow the school zones safety traffic rules.
- When possible, park legally on a side street or in school designated areas and walk your child to school to avoid adding to the traffic in front of or near the school.
- Stop at crosswalks and intersections. Allow children and other pedestrians to fully cross the road before continuing on.
- Enter and exit school zones and driveways slowly and carefully. Watch for children on and near the road, particularly in the morning and after school hours.
- Have your child exit the car on the right side nearest to the sidewalk.
- Do not speed.

[Learn more about driving safety.](#)

[Road Safety Brochure](#)

Upcoming Meetings

The next Regular Board Meeting is on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. For a list of upcoming meetings, please click on the [calendar](#) on the main webpage of www.tdsb.on.ca.

TDSB Update

Sign-up for [TDSB Update](#) and stay informed about recent Board decisions and district-wide news.

Follow the TDSB

Join the conversations happening on TDSB's social media communities. You'll find the most up-to-date information about us on our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts.

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