Trustee Update

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Ward 17 Forum

Where: Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts Address: 1176 Pharmacy Ave. Scarborough, ON

When: 6:00-8:00pm Join Trustee Neethan Shan and our Ward 17 Superintendents for a special Asian Heritage Month celebration and to hear about the latest happening in our

Scarborough Centre schools.

Please RSVP for the Forum and Asian Heritage Month Celebration here: https://tinyurl.com/W17ForumMay232023

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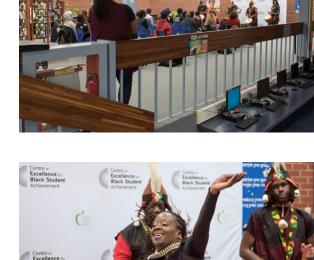
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were hosted by the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Acheivement. Thank you to the Centre staff and performers for a wonderful evening celebrating African

Heritage & Black History Month! Please enjoy some of the pictures below.

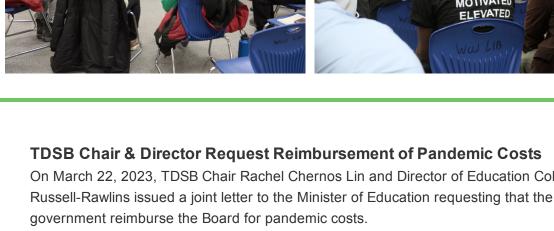
Thank you to everyone who joined us at our February Ward 17 Forum, where we













deficit of more than \$60 million for next year, it is clear that pandemic-related costs should be fully reimbursed by the province so that cuts impacting students are not required.

letter to the Minister of Education issued by the TDSB Chair and Director.

In addition, the letter also outlines the Board's concerns regarding the pandemic funding that the Ministry plans to end for 2023-24. This funding of \$31.5 million allowed TDSB to put an additional 485 staff resources into the system. This included teachers, social workers, child and youth workers, caretaking and vice-principals, among other categories, and we

are worried about the ramifications to student well-being with the reduction of this funding. Cutting this funding now seems reckless and harmful to students. Read more in the joint

During the pandemic, all available resources were put toward keeping students, staff and the community safe. The TDSB spent more than \$70 million on measures like smaller class sizes that were not funded by the Ministry of Education. As the TDSB faces an operating

Sikh Heritage Month We are celebrating Sikh Heritage Month! We are inviting all TDSB community, students, and staff to join our virtual Sikh Heritage Month launch to recognize the contributions of Sikh Canadians. This year the Sikh Heritage Month theme is Kes. Kes is one of the five Kahaars, indicators that Sikh individuals must acknowledge as part of their faith. The five Kakaars are five sacred articles of faith prescribed by Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized in the month of April. Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding

achievements and contributions of Hispanic people in the province.

Speak Up: Show Us How You Combat Hate and Racism

<u>Up: Show Us How You Combat Hate and Racism webpage on tdsb.on.ca.</u>

Latin-America History Month April is Latin-America History Month at the TDSB! During the month of April, several

Hispanic Heritage Month

join us to kick-off Latin-America History Month with a virtual launch. This year the theme to mark Latin-America History Month is (Decolonizing) Latin-America History Month & Beyond: Honouring & Uplifting the Real Hxstories and Multiplicities of Our Identities.

accomplished together to make their schools more inclusive for everyone. This initiative is focussed on students from Grade 7 to 12, but a group or class in any grade may submit a video. This is an opportunity for students to showcase how they're addressing racism and discrimination in their own unique ways at their schools. For more details visit the Speak

activities are planned for students, staff, and community members. We invite everyone to

The TDSB's Student Equity Collective, a student-led group created by the Director of Education, which addresses injustices, racism and hate in our school communities is launching its first board-wide initiative – Speak Up: Show Us How You Combat Hate and Racism! Students were invited to submit a two-minute video to share what they've

TDSB Student Census Share your voice! The TDSB Student Census is a confidential and voluntary survey that asks our students important questions about their school experiences and identities including participation in school activities, safety, well-being, mental health, outdoor learning, etc. It is an opportunity for students to share their voice and provide valuable information to help us improve our schools and system. We are asking all parents/guardians/caregivers and/or students to consider filling out a census survey online. Detailed information about the Student Census and consent process was shared directly with parents/guardians via email during the week of March 27. For more information,

please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/census and read the Student Census Questions and Answers.

Looking to build your child's literacy and numeracy skills? Elementary Summer School registration is now open! The focus of the 2023 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through the month of July.

Programs, which are developed by the local summer school principal to reflect the local school focus, are offered in-person to students in Kindergarte to Grade 8, from July 4 to July 28, 2023, in various locations around the city. This year, one remote program will also be available. For more information, including a list of schools and online registration forms,

Elementary Summer School 2023 – Registration Now Open!

first point of contact, followed by the school's principal, the school superintendent, and me, your Trustee! For more information visit https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns. **Upcoming Meetings** The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 26, 2023 For a list of upcoming meetings, please click on the <u>calendar</u> on the main webpage of <u>www.tdsb.on.ca</u>.

The TDSB now offers two new ways to stay connected with your school and the TDSB. Learn about opting in for text messages and using the School Messenger app, which

Here at the TDSB, we are always open to hearing your questions and concerns, and make every effort to address them as quickly as possible. Your child's classroom teacher is the

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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Stay Connected with your School

provides a faster and easier way to report absences.

visit our summer school program page.

Steps to Address Your Questions and Concerns

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