

Trustee PARTHI KANDAVEL



Welcome Back to School!

Dear Neighbour,

My warmest wishes to you and your family! I hope you've had an enjoyable summer. My wife and I were able to spend some time outdoors, visiting some festivals in our city and spending time with friends and family.

This summer also gave me the opportunity to reflect on the previous school year. With the leadership of our Director, Dr. John Malloy, we've embarked on our Multi-Year Strategic Plan. This important plan sets direction and identifies systems goals for our schools and students.

It has been a pleasure working with my Ward Council (pictured above), which includes parents, principals, superintendents, community groups and other levels of government to make our school system better. A big thank you to all of them, our teachers and support staff for their hard work and care for our children and students!

As we start a new school year, I would like to express my profound gratitude for allowing me to serve our community as a Trustee. My warmest wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

P. Kandavel.



SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

The TDSB is working closely with the City of Toronto traffic staff to inform students, parents, and staff on safe pedestrianism and road safety. Our collaboration in the City of Toronto's Vision Zero Road Safety Plan and partnership with Green Communities Canada helps improve school traffic management by installing speed limit signs, pavement markings for School Safety Zones, and accessible pedestrian signals. We will continue to also work with parents in this initiative to ensure that students arrive at school safely and reduce speeding during peak school hours.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Active-Transportation-Charter/Pedestrian-Safety>

PROFILE IN COURAGE

Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Wexford CSA student Kyle Howard-Muthulingam who passed away on August 10th while trying to save a mother and child at Woodbine Beach.

Kyle graduated from Samuel Hearne Sr. PS, in our community of Scarborough Southwest, before heading to Wexford. His heroism, courage, and self-sacrifice is a great reminder and example of what is at the heart of education and life. Kyle will always be remembered.



EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

We have a great deal of growth happening in areas of Scarborough Southwest. Unfortunately, as a school board with tremendous capital needs, we do not see the benefits of development.

Thus, we are advocating for the Ontario Government to amend the Education Development Charges regulation (Ontario Reg. 20/98) under the Education Act to allow the TDSB to collect EDCs to help support urgent school infrastructure needs and reduce overcrowding in high-growth areas of the City.



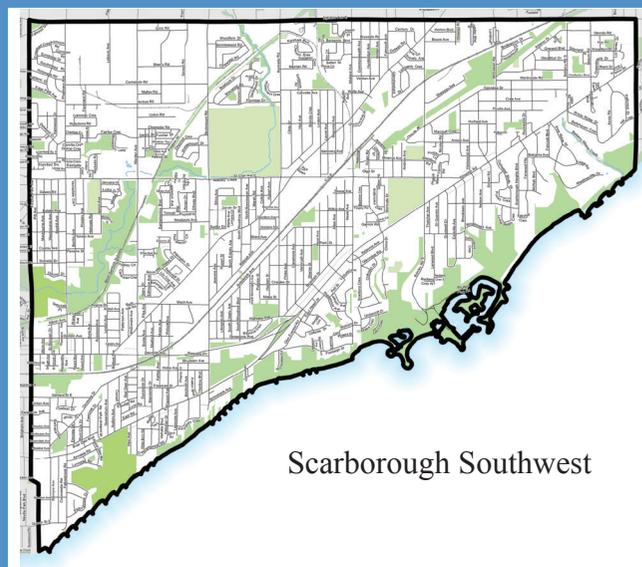
TIPS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

1. Introduce yourself to your child's teacher. Ask them their preferred method of communication
2. Set up a special place to do homework. Remove distractions. Show interest and praise your child's work.
3. Healthy meals and enough sleep.
4. Read with your child everyday. Your example reinforces literacy.
5. Ask them: "What did you see that was kind today? What did you do that was creative today?"

CANNABIS LEGISLATION

In anticipation of the legalization of cannabis later this year, staff and I are working to prepare staff, students, and parents for its impact on our school community. This includes curriculum support materials on decision making, health promotion, safety, and harm reduction. Information-based materials will be posted online for you to share.

I will continue to communicate with you in the fall in regards to an update to the Chart of Consequences of Student Behaviour related to the impact of the possession or use of cannabis by students.



Scarborough Southwest



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

After considerable thought, deliberation, and consultation, I'm proud to announce the release of our TDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

It was a great experience for me to lead our Scarborough consultation earlier this year. This plan will support our goals of student achievement, equity, and well-being. The Multi-Year Strategic Plan acts as a high level statement of intent for the TDSB. You can find more information online:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Multi-Year-Strategic-Plan>



Cllr Crawford's Annual Carol



Meeting with my Youth Council



Recognizing a RH King student hero

Ward Forum:
 Purpose and Role of a
 School Council
 &
 Role of Trustee/
 Superintendents
**Tuesday, October 2nd,
 6:30PM - 8:30PM**



With SATEC's Admin team



With OPSBA trustee colleagues

General Brock P.S.
 140 Chestnut Cres,
 Scarborough

Refreshments & Childcare
 provided

Please RSVP at
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 or at 416-395-8787



At a School Fun Fair



At a School Visit



Bridging Communities



With Birchmount Park's new VP