



Trustee
Zakir Patel

Ward 19, Scarborough-Guildwood

August 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! I hope that you and your family had a safe and enjoyable summer.

As the elected public school board trustee for your community, my role is to advocate for you and your child, and to represent the needs of all students and families in the Toronto District School Board.

After more than two years of the pandemic, we are preparing to welcome students and staff to a more normal school year in September. While most COVID-19 measures have been lifted by the Government of Ontario, the health and safety of our school communities remains our top priority. The TDSB will continue to monitor the pandemic and follow the guidance and direction from the Ministry of Education and public health officials as needed.

We know that school can be an exciting and overwhelming time – for both students and parents/guardians. To help you and your child have a great year, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca for information on the school year calendar, transportation and getting involved, as well as resources for homework and so much more. The Toronto District School Board is also here to support you and your family's mental health and well-being needs. For a list of tools and resources, including those tailored for students and parents/guardians, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Mental-Health-Well-Being>.

Lastly, I want to thank you in advance for your understanding, patience and partnership as we work together to welcome both students and staff back to school.

To stay informed, please sign up for my e-newsletter and visit my webpage at www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward19. For system-wide news about the Toronto District School Board, subscribe to TDSB Update at www.tdsb.on.ca/TDSBupdate and follow the TDSB on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. You will also continue to receive important information and updates from your school and the system via email.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Zakir Patel'.

Zakir Patel
Ward 19



2022-2023 Information

Your School Trustee

Zakir Patel

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Find Your School & School Superintendent:

www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School
Board Office at 416-397-3000 or GeneralInquiries@tdsb.on.ca

PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 5, 2022
Board-wide PA Day	September 6, 2022
Board-wide PA Day	October 7, 2022
Thanksgiving	October 10, 2022
Board-wide PA Day	November 18, 2022
Elementary PA Day	December 2, 2022
Winter Break	December 26, 2022 – January 6, 2023
Elementary PA Day	January 13, 2023
Secondary PA Day	February 2, 2023
Board-wide PA Day	February 17, 2023
Family Day	February 20, 2023
March Break	March 13 - 17, 2023
Good Friday	April 7, 2023
Easter Monday	April 10, 2023
Victoria Day	May 22, 2023
Elementary School PA Day	June 2, 2023
Secondary School PA Day	June 29, 2023
Secondary School PA Day	June 30, 2023

First day of classes for students is September 7, 2022
The last day of class for elementary students is June 30, 2023
The last day of class for secondary students is June 28, 2023

Days of Significance

www.tdsb.on.ca/daysofsignificance

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

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Parent Concern Protocol

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Step One

Classroom Teacher

If you have any questions or concerns, the first person to go to is your classroom teacher. The classroom teacher can help with:

- Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

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Step Two

School Principal

If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal can help.

- Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- Report card concerns
- Classroom concerns
- Code of Conduct
- Safety and security
- Budget and fundraising
- School Council

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Step Three

School Superintendents

Superintendents are responsible for a Network of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with:

- Alternate attendance request
- Suspension appeals

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Step Four

Trustees

Trustees are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the TDSB:

- Concerns about your community
- Ideas and suggestions for the Board
- Items on Board Agenda
- Board policies under review
- Board budget
- Collective bargaining

Board Office

You can contact the Board Office directly for any questions or concerns related to:

- Continuing Education
- Night and summer school
- Adult education
- ESL
- Board documents

Phone: 416-397-3000 • Email: GeneralInquiries@TDSB.on.ca