



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](http://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](http://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](http://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'.

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