



## TRUSTEE REPORT, NOVEMBER 2018

Dear parents and community partners,

On October 22, 2018, I was re-elected, with your support, to represent students, parents and families in Scarborough-Agincourt. I consider it my privilege to be in a position and be a part of a group of people who dedicate themselves to students every day, with every decision.



Students are my top priority. I care about ensuring that resources and programs are available and that the well-being of our students is given the highest consideration. There is so much we can do together. Together we can ensure that our education system strengthens and serves the academic and well-being needs of our diverse communities in a safe and inclusive manner. I look forward to continue working and establishing connection with you.

*Manna*

PS: For the new boundaries and schools of TDSB Ward 20, please check [here](#).



### Provincial Education Reform Consultation

The provincial government is currently conducting consultation on education reform. It is important that you use this opportunity to share your voice and comment on your priorities. For information about the consultation: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents>.

New dates for Telephone Town Halls have been added. Please click [here](#) to register.

- November 24, 2018: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- December 5, 2018: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Submissions can also be sent to the ministry by emailing [fortheparents@ontario.ca](mailto:fortheparents@ontario.ca) or [auservicedesparents@ontario.ca](mailto:auservicedesparents@ontario.ca). The deadline to submit comments is **December 15, 2018**.

To help with additional context, you can read the Ontario Public School Board Association's (OPSBA) [priorities](#) as well as TDSB priorities through our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan Implementation Plans](#).

## **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

### **TDSB Launches Health & Physical Education Parent Guide**

TDSB has launched a guide to help parents and guardians better understand the Ministry of Education's 2010 re-issued Health and Physical Education Curriculum (HPEC).

The [Guide](#) includes helpful information regarding the 2010 re-issued HPEC (Grades 1-8) including grade-by-grade highlights of what's being taught, comparisons to the previous curriculum and Questions and Answers.

For more information, read the [news release](#) and visit the TDSB webpage for [Health and Physical Education Curriculum](#).

### **Multi-Year Strategic Plan**

At the Board Meeting on October 24th, the Board confirmed the Director's Implementation Action Plans for the [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) which will be at the core and focus work across the system. In the coming weeks and months, these Action Plans will begin to come to life as schools continue to make the changes that support students' achievement and well-being. Staff will be developing communications strategies that address implementation at the school level in terms of how it fits into school improvement and how parents will receive information on changes.

### **Special Education Plan**

The [Special Education Plan](#) is a document that is reviewed and updated on an on-going basis with support from and input of the board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). The plan is intended to provide an overview of the special education services in TDSB and to summarize and highlight key system initiatives, projects, and processes that support students with special needs and their families.



Early French Immersion Program [applications](#) are made the year a child is in Junior Kindergarten (or is of Junior Kindergarten age) for entry in Senior Kindergarten. It is an entirely online process. Deadline: **November 26, 2018.**

The application process for the **Junior Extended French program will open in January 2019.** For further information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and dates for Information Evenings, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/french](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/french).

## Legalization of Cannabis

The recreational use of cannabis became legal in Canada on October 17, 2018. The Toronto District School Board has provided resources, including lesson plans that align with Ontario's Health and Physical Education Curriculum, to schools to support staff and students. These lesson plans aim to provide accurate information, teach healthy living concepts and promote substance misuse prevention strategies among youth.

Despite the changes to cannabis-related laws, the recreational use of cannabis is not permitted on TDSB property. Similar to alcohol, impairment is also not permitted or tolerated on school property. Staff is developing the [Restrictions on Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Use Policy](#) which will be presented to the Trustees for consideration and approval. For information on resources you may find helpful in discussions with your children, visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/cannabis](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/cannabis).

### Open Houses for Secondary School

To help you make an informed decision when choosing a high school, TDSB schools host information nights for parents and grade 8 students each year between October and January. Learn everything you need to know about our incredible variety of schools, programs and courses. The [dates and times](#) for all High School Information Nights are available online.

### Traffic Studies Around Schools

The city has adopted a Vision Zero Plan which includes several initiatives ensuring the safety of all pedestrians, especially children and students as they travel to and from school. School Zone Reviews, one of the initiatives, call for comprehensive reviews of schools, school zones and traffic plans aiming at gathering data/feedback to improve the safety of routes children take when walking to school. I have personally reached out to ask for such studies and I'm happy to report that two local schools have been chosen at this point. The first meeting was done on Oct 12th for Kennedy P.S. and the one for David Lewis P.S. started on October 24th. I will provide updates when they become available.

The City's [Vision Zero Road Safety Plan](#) website includes a mapping tool showing safety measures in place and future planned work as well as safety tips for all road users aimed at making streets safer.

### Update on School Crossing Guard Program

The Toronto Police Service is transitioning the School Crossing Guard Program back to the City of Toronto in 2 phases. Phase 1 took effect as of September 2018 and phase 2 will occur in July 2019. If a crossing guard cannot attend to their crossing, then a replacement guard, contracted out by the City of Toronto (Neptune Security) will try to backfill this spot. Toronto Police Officers will no longer be assisting children cross the streets. In Phase 2, the City of Toronto takes full ownership of the program (contracted out to a 3rd party). They will be responsible for the entire program.

If there are questions, please contact Derrick Martin, Police Constable (1259), School Crossing Guard /RIDE Co-ordinator /Analyst/Planner, Toronto Police Service, Traffic Services, at 416-808-1933, email:

[Derrick.Martin@torontopolice.on.ca](mailto:Derrick.Martin@torontopolice.on.ca)

## HOLD THESE DATES



**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Parent Involvement  
Makes A Difference Conference**  
Saturday November 17, 2018

# READY • SET • ENGAGE

Register at [www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference)



**Keynote Speaker:**  
Mahlikah Awe'ri Enm'l'ga't Saqama'sgw  
(The Woman Who Walks In The Light)

**8:00 am - 3:00 pm | Earl Haig Secondary School**  
100 Princess Avenue, Toronto  
TTC accessible (Five minute walk from North York Centre station)

**Program Agenda**

8:00 am	Registration Opens
9:00 am - 9:45 am	Workshop 1
10:00 am - 10:45 am	Workshop 2
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Welcome and Greetings
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Keynote Speaker
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Workshop 3
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Workshop 4
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Thank you and Wrap Up
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Bus Depart

Join us at the Market Place until 3 p.m. and learn all about resources and agencies in your area!

**New! Join us in the School  
Community Engagement Lounge**

Free light breakfast, refreshments  
and lunch provided

**Choose from the following  
workshop topics and many more!**

- Technology
- TDSB Academic Programs
- Mental Health
- Nutrition
- School Councils 101
- Newcomer Resources
- Literacy
- High School Pathways



Bussing, Child-minding and Interpretations available when registering

 For more information email: [conference@torontopiac.com](mailto:conference@torontopiac.com)  
or visit our website: [piacconference2018.eventbrite.com](http://piacconference2018.eventbrite.com)

## PIAC's 12th Annual Parent Conference

Registration is now open!

PIAC's 12th Annual Parent conference is  
coming to Earl Haig S.S. on

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**

Registration is free through  
EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/tdsbs-parent-involvement-advisory-committee-17508417977>

## Mindful Parenting

The TDSB Parent Partnership Committee on Mental Health and Well-Being invites all parents and caregivers to attend a special presentation -

**Wednesday, November 28 from 6:30 pm**  
**Lawrence Park Collegiate, 125 Chatsworth Dr.**

Research and practice tells us that Mindfulness helps develop social/emotional learning, resilience, self-regulation, concentration, self-awareness, kindness and compassion. Please click [here](#) to register.

## Next Ward Meeting

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
School location to be confirmed.

*As always, I look forward to your comments, questions and suggestions for  
topics to explore at ward meetings and in future updates.  
Please e-mail me at [manna.wong@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:manna.wong@tdsb.on.ca) and sign up for my e-newsletter at [www.tdsb.on.ca/wong](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/wong).*