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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

TDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan

TDSB is working on a Multi-Year Strategic Plan and wants to hear from you! The Multi-Year Strategic Plan will act as a high level statement of intent for TDSB for the next three or more school years, set direction and identify system goals to support its 246,000 students and 583 schools. Together with the recommendations from the Enhancing Equity Task Force report, it will reshape the Board's budget in future years.

Parents/guardians, families, students and staff are invited to provide feedback on the draft Multi-Year Strategic Plan documents. To learn more and provide input online, please visit: www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP.

French Review This Spring

The French program review will focus on the current status of all French programs, including the structure, content of the teaching and learning, and policies and procedures related to French. For context information on the French programs, please refer to <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Public-Consultations/French-Review>
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/Community/docs/French%20Annual%20Enrolment%20Report%PSSC%20final.pdf>

With over 90,000 students in Core French and another 28,000 students in French Immersion/Extended French programs come system successes and challenges. We have successes in retention rate, inclusion of students with special education needs as well as accessibility and transportation. At the same time, challenges include multiple entry points, equity of access, and transportation. You're invited to join any of the following consultation meetings and share your concerns and comments:

Tuesday, May 1 - Danforth CTI (800 Greenwood Avenue)

Thursday, May 3 - Etobicoke CI (86 Montgomery Road)

Tuesday, May 15 - Birchmount Park CI (3663 Danforth Avenue W)

Thursday, May 17 - Northview Heights SS (550 Finch Avenue W)

Thursday, May 24 - Advisory Committees Consultation (5050 Yonge Street)

Wednesday, May 30 - John Polanyi CI (640 Lawrence Avenue W)

Growing Repair Backlog and 'Fix Our Schools'

With the ever-growing Renewal Needs Backlog, now standing at \$4.05 billion, TDSB needs **predictable and adequate funding to repair its schools**. Parents are encouraged to access www.fixourschools.ca and join them in action advocating for safe and well-maintained schools.

Current Facilities Work in Our Schools

North Bridlewood Jr PS

Asbestos removal for window & curtain wall project

Start date/end date: March 15, 2018/April 30, 2018

Lynngate Jr PS and Inglewood Heights Jr PS

Install air conditioning in the Gyms as part of the Emergency cooling program.

Start date/end date: April 2018/June 30, 2018

Fairglen Jr PS

Cooling needed for pre-determined sections of the school for emergency purposes, on days of extreme heat.

Start date/end date: May 2018/August 31, 2018

Terraview-Willowfield PS

Site improvements at parking lot and playground area, including, repaving deteriorated asphalt, adding fence with gate and latch, curbing, sidewalks adjacent and line painting.

Start date/end date: June 2018/ August 31, 2018

Summer School Program at Lynnwood Heights Jr PS

In addition to literacy and numeracy learning, this year's summer school program encourages learning that is experiential and connects to overall well-being as well as achievement. Speak with your principal for a copy of the application.

International Languages Summer Programs and Cultural Programs at Silver Springs PS

Registration starts April 7 till June 16, every Saturday, 10 am – 11:30 am at Silver Springs PS. For more info: contact Li Gao at 647-460-8685, Edmund Wang at Edmund@ysuncorp.com, 416-721-8194, www.ileprograms.ca

For other summer programs at TDSB such as Secondary School programs, Music Camps, Outdoor programs and other adult summer programs, please visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Summer-Programs>

2018-2019 School Year Calendar

www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes/Type/A?Folder=Agenda%2f20180221&Filename=180221+School+Year+Calendar+3324.pdf

PA Days for 2018-2019

Elementary

October 5, 2018

November 16, 2018

December 7, 2018

January 18, 2019

February 15, 2019

June 7, 2019

June 28, 2019

Secondary

October 5, 2018

November 16, 2018

December 7, 2018

February 15, 2019

June 27, 2019

June 28, 2019

* January 31, 2019 (semester schools only)

* June 26, 2019 (full-year schools only)

Active Transportation and Student Safe

Many parents and community members have been advocating for years about improving safety around their schools. Motions to install traffic calming measures of installing speed humps, stop signs and other parking regulation around Kennedy PS and David Lewis PS are currently underway at the Scarborough Community Council. Many parents, staff and community members attended the deputation last week and concerted efforts in addressing the concerns are still needed for the next round of deputation which is scheduled for June 6. Please contact City Councillor Jim Karygiannis, jim@karygiannis.net, for more information.



In response to continuing and growing concerns about traffic congestion in many parts of the city, TDSB staff has been working very closely with the City's Transportation Services, the Toronto Police Service, Toronto Public Health and other partners to develop and implement a coordinated approach to improving student safety.

At the beginning of this school year, the TDSB and the City both launched new programs. The TDSB began a pilot "traffic management program" in 15 pilot schools, and the City began installing "school safety zones" in more than 40 schools as part of its Vision Zero program.

I have now pursued resources to bring these two highly coordinated programs to Kennedy and David Lewis. This advocacy will need the involvement of every parent, staff, community members so that these in-depth reviews will result in safety improvements in the built environment both within the school zones and along pre-designed active and safe routes to school. In keeping with Vision Zero guidelines, the idea is to: **Do more and do differently by • Enhancing existing programs (do more) and • Developing new programs (do differently).** Please stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

<https://visionzeroai.com/resource/development-of-a-vision-zero-road-safety-plan/development-of-vision-zero-road-safety-plan-izadpanah/>

School Crossing Guard Program

One of the many other issues raised by parents is the school crossing guard program. This program is currently run by the Toronto Police Service. It is our understanding that the school crossing guard program will be taken over by the City's Transportation Services department in two years. We also understand that Transportation Services is planning a major overhaul of the program at that time.

Once the crossing guard program has been turned over to Transportation Services, City Councillors will have more direct oversight of the program in a way that hasn't been possible as a Toronto Police Service program. Since this is a formative time, it will be important for all of us, including school communities, to make our views about the program known to all Councillors so that they are adequately informed to ensure that the City is prepared to make improvements to the program once they have full oversight and accountability for it.

The following pedestrian safety resources provide students, educators, parent/guardians, and the community with information that will contribute to the well-being and safety of our students can be found

on our website: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Active-Transportation-Charter/Pedestrian-Safety>

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

Digital Customer Care Program

Npower Canada, www.npowercanada.ca

NPower Canada launches youth into meaningful careers by providing free technical and professional training, paid internships, job placement and post hire support.

FREE Music Program at Scarborough Arts

March to July 2018, Ages 16 - 24

Location: Toronto Public Library - 30 Sewells Road

For more information or to register please contact www.scarborougharts.com

Parents Reaching Out Grants

The application period for the 2018-2019 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants program is now open.

The deadline to submit applications is **June 5, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.**

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.HTML>

HOLD THESE DATES

Extended Day Program Registration at Tam O'Shanter Jr PS

Thursday April 12, 2018, 3.30-6.30pm

Eco Fair 2018

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 11 am – 2 pm

L'Amoreaux Collegiate Institute, 2501 Bridletowne Circle

2018 TDSB Parents as Partners Conference

Saturday, April 28, 2018 , 9 am – 4 pm

Beanfield Centre on the Canadian National Exhibition grounds

www.parentsaspartners.ca. Transportation, childcare, lunch and translators are all provided.

Ward 20 'Arts Intersection' Bus Tour

Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 9 am – 2 pm

Parents are invited to join a free bus tour to visit the nine schools that have initiated arts projects as funded by the Ward 20 'Arts Intersection' PRO Regional Grant. Space is limited, register early for a ticket at www.tdsb.on.ca/wong.

*As always, I look forward to your comments, questions and suggestions
for topics to explore at ward meetings and in future updates.
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