

Trustee Yalini Rajakulasingam



Ward 21, Scarborough North

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and safe summer.

As the elected Toronto District School Board Trustee for our community, my role is to advocate for you and your child and to represent the needs of all students and parents/guardians in the Toronto District School Board. As education was a colonial tool, I have committed myself to identifying and disrupting all forms of anti-Indigenous racism, anti-Black racism and systems that continue to reinforce discrimination based on race, gender and class.

Your involvement in your child's education and school life is essential to their success. You can get involved in numerous ways, such as building a meaningful relationship with your principal, participating in your local school council, or volunteering to coach sports. To explore these opportunities, and others, visit www.tdsb.on.ca/getinvolved.

In April, Trustee Sriskandarajah and I brought forward a motion on a COVID-19 Recovery Plan, which the Board of Trustees passed unanimously. This three-phase plan will identify which groups have been most impacted by learning loss during the pandemic, where targeted interventions will be placed, and initial outcomes that result from these interventions. To read the first report of the Pandemic Recovery Plan, visit https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Pandemic-Recovery-Plan.

I wish to continue to express my deepest gratitude to our frontline healthcare workers and those who provided essential services during the pandemic, such as grocery store cashiers, delivery drivers, take-out staff, janitorial staff, and many more. Not everyone has the privilege to work from home, and we thank all those who continued to work throughout the pandemic to keep our Scarborough North community healthy and strong.

Upcoming Events in Ward 21

- Return to School Virtual Ward Forum
 - Monday, August 30 from 6:30-8:30.

Please email me for further information

Yours truly,

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2021-2022 Information



Your School Trustee
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Find Your School & School Superintendent:

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PA Days & Holidays	Date
Board-wide PA Day	September 2, 2021
Board-wide PA Day	September 3, 2021
Labour Day	September 6, 2021
Board-wide PA Day	September 8, 2021
Thanksgiving	October 11, 2021
Board-wide PA Day	November 19, 2021
Winter Break	December 20, 2021 – December 31, 2021
Elementary PA Day	January 14, 2022
Secondary PA Day	February 2, 2022
Board-wide PA Day	February 18, 2022
Family Day	February 21, 2022
March Break	March 14 - 18, 2022
Good Friday	April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	April 18, 2022
Victoria Day	May 23, 2022
Elementary School PA Day	June 3, 2022
Secondary School PA Day	June 30, 2022

First day of classes for students is September 9, 2021
The last day of class for elementary students is June 30, 2022
The last day of class for secondary students is June 29, 2022

Days of Significance

www.tdsb.on.ca/daysofsignificance

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

Know what's happening at the TDSB!









Parent Concern Protocol

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Classroom Teacher

Step **One** 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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School Principal

Step **Two** 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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School Superintendents

Step **Three** 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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Trustees

Step **Four**

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

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