



# Trustee Robin Pilkey

## Parkdale-High Park - TDSB Ward 7

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and safe 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 parents/guardians in the Toronto District School Board.

We are focused on ensuring that all students have access to the programs, opportunities and supports needed to reach high levels of achievement and well-being. This priority is driven by our Multi-Year Strategic Plan, which outlines our mission, values and goals in support of student success. To read the full plan, visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/mysp](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/mysp).

Your involvement in your child's education and school life can also contribute to their success. There are numerous ways you can get involved, such as taking part in your local school council, volunteering to coach sports or supervising field trips. To explore these opportunities, and others, visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/getinvolved](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/getinvolved).

We want to hear from you! The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is committed to open and inclusive policy decision-making and values community input and participation through consultation. Consultation is a two-way communication process between the Board and external participants, including students and their parents/guardians, school councils, advisory committees, community members, different levels of government, service agencies, professional organizations and union partners. The objective of consultation is to gather public input regarding options, alternative courses of action, as well as to identify unintended effects for various participants and to find solutions.

Coming this fall, you can have input in the **Secondary School Review** and the **French Recommendations**. As well, the **Optional Attendance** policy will be reviewed this coming school year. Read more about [Policy consultations](#)

As the new school year begins, I encourage you to visit our webpage for parents, [www.tdsb.on.ca/forparents](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/forparents). Here, you will find helpful resources for both parents and students, including homework tips, the school-year calendar, transportation information and updates, and supports for mental health, healthy living and bullying.

To stay informed, please sign up for my e-newsletter by emailing me at [Robin.Pilkey@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Robin.Pilkey@tdsb.on.ca), consider joining the Ward 7 Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TDSBWard7Council>) or follow me on Twitter ([@RobinPilkey](https://twitter.com/RobinPilkey)). 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.

Thank you. I look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Robin Pilkey

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### Reasons to Contact Your Trustee

- Board Budget & Financial Information
- Ideas & Suggestions for the Board
- Board Policies & Procedures



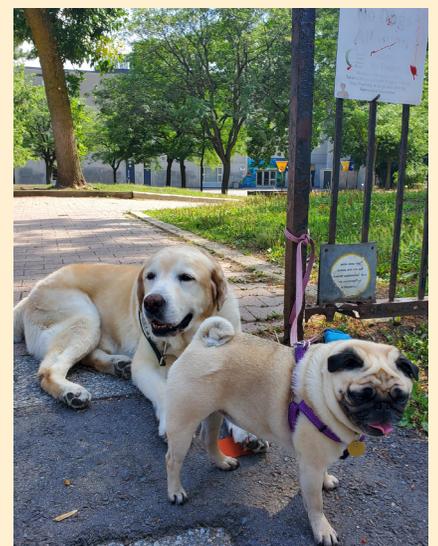
### Multilingual Website

The multilingual webpage features key sections of the TDSB website translated into 23 languages. To access it, visit [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) and click on the globe icon in the top right corner.

### TDSB Updates

#### Dogs are Not Allowed in School Yards

Our school yards are public, open and accessible to our communities. However, some dog owners allow their pets run off-leash in schools yards and do not stoop and scoop creating significant issues for our caretaking staff. We rely on the public - on the dog owners themselves - to respect that dogs are not allowed in school yards. The health and safety reasons are clear. We want to keep school yards open to the public and as such we must find ways to encourage all dog owners to keep dogs outside of school grounds. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.



## School Crossing Guard Program for 2019-2020

Beginning in September 2019, the City of Toronto will be assuming full responsibility for the School Crossing Guard Program and has contracted two separate vendors who will provide school crossing guards at 704 locations across the city to help children travel safely to and from schools.

The City of Toronto issued a Memorandum (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RaTNpx3YF42WVWDFvdpuRksAe1I7V54I/view>) on Aug. 21, 2019 that provides further details on these upcoming changes, including who to contact with questions about crossing guard locations, changes to school bell times, submitting requests for new crossing guards and associated timelines, the complaint or concern process as well as details on new information to share with people who may be interested in becoming a school crossing guard.

If you have any questions about the program and these changes, please email [SchoolCrossingGuard@toronto.ca](mailto:SchoolCrossingGuard@toronto.ca).

## Learn for Life Registration Opens August 14, 2019



Read the Fall 2019 Learn for Life Brochure at [Learn4Life.ca](http://Learn4Life.ca).

## Basketball Nets

In June, the City of Toronto announced that all city-owned basketball nets will remain up after hours and the Toronto District School Board has followed suit with a 6-month pilot project that will see nets stay up after school hours. Prior to the pilot project, many TDSB schools kept basketball nets up at all times, however some did not and have now switched over to the new schedule.



As part of the TDSB pilot project, feedback is important to track the challenges, including noise complaints, that arise from keeping nets up after school hours and during the summer. The TDSB is logging concerns and will be reviewing all such feedback as part of the pilot project. Please email [nets@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:nets@tdsb.on.ca) if you have concerns.

As with all noise complaints, most concerns are best addressed by the City of Toronto, which can advise on what is permitted and can enforce the city's noise bylaws. In general, the city advises people to, if possible, speak to the person or people responsible for the noise to give them an opportunity to correct the issue. If that does not work, then you can report a noise issue by contacting 311.

## Vaccination Clinics

Starting in September, Toronto Public Health (TPH) will be implementing an important change in their consent for immunization policy. Secondary school students age 14 or older will be able to give informed consent to receive immunizations at TPH clinics hosted in TDSB secondary schools. Parental consent is still required for students 14 years of age or younger. Clinics in schools are usually offered when there is an outbreak or if a large number of students are at risk of the suspension because of gaps in their immunization record. Parents/guardians and students will be informed prior to the start of any clinic in a TDSB high school. Read the full letter from Toronto Public Health at [www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/0/docs/Toronto-PublicHealth-Vaccination-Letter.pdf](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/0/docs/Toronto-PublicHealth-Vaccination-Letter.pdf)

## Around Ward 7

Congratulations to the Ward 7 schools that have been Certified as EcoSchools for the 2019-2020 school year! For more information on EcoSchools please go to: [www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools/Home/About-Us](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools/Home/About-Us)

### SCHOOL

Annette Street/High Park Alt	Gold
Fern Avenue Junior and Senior Public School	Gold
Howard Junior Public School	Platinum
Humbercrest Public School	Gold
Keele Street/Mountview	Gold
King George Junior Public School	Silver
Lucy McCormick School Senior	Gold
Parkdale Collegiate Institute	Platinum
Runnymede Junior and Senior Public School	Gold
Swansea Junior and Senior Public School	Gold
Ursula Franklin Academy	Platinum
Warren Park Junior Public School	Gold
Warren Park Outdoor Education Centre	Platinum
Western Technical-Commercial School	Bronze