



Trustee Shelley Laskin

Ward 8, Eglinton-Lawrence and Toronto-St. Paul's

September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! I hope you and your family had a good break over the summer.

For those of you who have not met me yet, let me introduce myself. I am your local school trustee. I am your link with the Toronto District School Board, which governs Toronto's public schools. As your elected representative, I make decisions with the rest of the trustees on the Board and act as your advocate and 'sounding board,' should the need arise. I believe we all have a role to play to help our public schools thrive.

This past school year, we tackled several critical issues, including cell phone use in schools, social media, [combating hate and racism](#), mental health and wellness, and student achievement in literacy and math. These initiatives are at the heart of our commitment to creating productive and supportive learning environments for all students. And yes, we still have work to do. Despite the financial challenges we've faced in recent years, we continue to maintain important supports for students while advocating for the Ministry to provide the necessary and sustainable support and adjustments for the TDSB to ensure our students achieve success. For more details about our efforts and the key issues we have highlighted, [please review our advocacy letters available on our public webpage](#).

With Equity as a guiding principle and a commitment to Truth and Reconciliation: Calls to Action, we recently launched the [2024-28 Multi-Year Strategic Plan \(MYSP\)](#) which serves as a road map towards realizing the collective vision for the students and staff served by the TDSB and is a reflection of the rich perspectives, ideas, and goals of TDSB communities. Our goals are for all students to BELONG, ACHIEVE, and THRIVE in REVITALIZED facilities.

As mentioned, we are also developing a new [Cell Phone/Mobile Device Use in Schools Policy](#), aimed at enhancing student success, belonging, and well-being. A consultation was conducted earlier this spring to gather feedback from school and community partners, ensuring the policy will meet legislative requirements and align with best practices.

If you aren't already signed up to my weekly updates which come out Sunday evening at 8:00pm, please do so by [clicking here](#). For system-wide news about the Board, I invite you to explore our website www.tdsb.on.ca for information about the school year calendar, transportation, ways to get involved, as well as helpful resources for the upcoming school year.

I also encourage you to follow us on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [Instagram](#), and [Threads](#) for regular updates and news. You will also continue to receive important information and updates from your school and the system via email so it is critical the school office has your up-to-date contact information.

Should you need information or have questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at shelley.laskin@tdsb.on.ca. Please also follow me on X (formerly Twitter) at www.twitter.com/shelleylaskin or visit my webpage at www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward8/.

I am always looking to learn more about your local school successes, issues, and priorities. If you have something to share or wish to speak with me directly, please do not hesitate to e-mail me or call and leave a message at 416 395-TRUS (8787).

We will be ready to welcome students back for the first day of the 2024-25 school year on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. We may be the largest school board in the country, but it's the relationships that make our schools feel like family. By getting involved, you're supporting public education, and I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child's school this year.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelley".

Shelley Laskin Trustee, Ward 8



2024-2025 Information

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PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 2, 2024
Elementary School PA Day	September 27, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	October 11, 2024
Thanksgiving	October 14, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	November 15, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	November 29, 2024
Winter Break	December 23, 2024 – January 3, 2025
Elementary School PA Day	January 17, 2025
Secondary School PA Day	January 30, 2025
Board-wide PA Day	February 14, 2025
Family Day	February 17, 2025
Mid-Winter Break	March 10 - 14, 2025
Good Friday	April 18, 2025
Easter Monday	April 21, 2025
Victoria Day	May 19, 2025
Elementary School PA Day	June 6, 2025
Secondary School PA Day	June 26, 2025
Secondary School PA Day	June 27, 2025

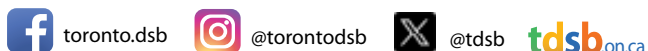
First day of classes for students is Tuesday, September 3, 2024.
The last day of classes for elementary students is June 27, 2025.
The last day of classes for secondary students is June 25, 2025.

Days of Significance

For more information, please visit:

www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolyearcalendar www.tdsb.on.ca/daysofsignificance

Follow the TDSB on Social Media



Parent Concern Protocol Classroom / Subject 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

School Administrator(s)

STEP TWO

If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal and/or vice principal can help with:

- 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

School Superintendents

STEP THREE

Superintendents are responsible for a Family 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

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

Phone: 416-397-3000 • Email: GeneralInquiries@TDSB.on.ca