



School/Work Reopening Plans and Upcoming Surveys

As you know, TDSB schools and administrative buildings have been closed since March 13, 2020 in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. The system remains closed by order of the Ministry of Education and will only reopen at its direction.

Members of TDSB staff are also on a Ministry of Education Committee that is working to explore a number of possible scenarios for re-opening, including staggered schedules for students, the ability to switch between remote and in-person learning, and transportation.

A TDSB School/Work Reopening Committee has also been established to consider and anticipate the operational logistics of reopening schools and administrative buildings. Membership includes representation from: Business Operations; Early Years; elementary and secondary schools; Equity and Anti-Oppression; Facilities; Government, Public and Community Relations; Occupational Health and Safety; School Operations; Special Education; The Schedule II Network (TSTN); and The Toronto School Administrators- Association (TSAA).

While final direction and health and safety requirements will come from the Ministry of Education, Toronto Public Health and/or other public health agencies, we expect that there will be restrictions in place once schools and administrative buildings reopen. With that in mind, the School/Work Reopening Committee is reviewing a number of key considerations and how those may be addressed and considering a variety of issues in critical areas, including:

- Physical Distancing
- Attendance and Absenteeism – Staff and Student
- Personal Hygiene
- Maintenance/Cleanliness/Facilities
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Special Education
- Food Preparation
- Student Transportation
- Child Care, Before- and After-School Programs and EarlyON Centres
- Summer Programming

The Committee is also developing a survey for parents/guardians and a survey for staff to seek input regarding reopening plans so that we have the benefit of insights, ideas and expertise from all groups. While final direction will be provided by the Ministry of Education, Toronto Public Health and/or other public health agencies, the feedback gathered from TDSB staff and parents/guardians will be used in ongoing conversations with provincial agencies when considering return to school planning concerns.

Links to the parent/guardian survey and staff survey will be shared via email and social media during the week of June 8 and we look forward to receiving this valuable feedback.

