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PCEO UPDATES

School Council Innovation Grant (SCIG)

The School Council Innovation Grant focuses on equity, anti-oppression, anti-Indigenous Racism, Human Rights, anti-racism, and anti-Black racism to build parents/caregivers and Council knowledge in these areas.

The grant recipients, through an interim survey, have advised us that they have received funds and have commenced their projects, and are poised for a June 2023 completion. We have also processed all appeals. For information on the approved projects please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Grants-for-Student-Need/Successful-Applications>

School Improvement Planning Parent/Caregiver Brochure

The SIP brochure for parents/caregivers is completed. The brochure will be shared with schools and School Councils for distribution. Tools for schools to engage parents/caregivers and Council is also in the last stages of design and will be shared with Superintendents and principals.

School Council E-mail Activation Update

TDSB I/T department has been working with schools and Council chairs to get accounts activated. Outlined below are ZOOM and Council e-mail accounts that have been activated:

- There are 341 schools with at least 1 Active School Council Chair or Co-Chair Account in use
- There are 522 total active school council chair or co-chair accounts within those 341 schools
- Some accounts are duplicate names (with a 1 at the end)

School Council Chair/Co-Chair Accounts:

- Total # of Active Accounts: 522
- Number of Schools with School Council Chair/Co-Chair Accounts in use: Approximately 341



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School Council By-Laws Template Update

TDSB has updated the School Council By-Laws Template. Effective January 25, 2023, all Councils are required to have updated or adopted by-laws using the template. Councils that operate without by-laws are now governed by the TDSBs Council by-laws. By-laws that have not been updated and contravene the TDSB Council by-law the Boards by-laws will take precedence.

For further information, on the by-law template please visit
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/By-Laws>

School Council Training

School Councils, parents/caregivers interested in furthering their learning may engage in independent learning by reviewing the PCEOs YouTube page at
<https://www.youtube.com/@pceotdsb4577>

PO23-Parent, Caregiver Engagement Policy

The Board at its May 2022 meeting approved the PO23 Policy. The new policy can be viewed at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/188> TDSB is also working on a Parent, Caregiver Engagement procedure to support the PO23-Parent, Caregiver Engagement Policy.

Interim Expectations for Parent/Family Engagement in the School Improvement Process (SIP)

At its meeting on June 30, 2021, the Board approved the extension of the 2019-2020 interim expectations for parent/caregiver involvement in the SIP to 2021-2022 with the addition of data sharing with parents and caregivers.

The 2021-2022 proposed interim expectations for school teams will focus on explaining the SIP and the value of parent/caregiver engagement. Principals will seek input on the initial thinking regarding SIP goals with the School Council (as required under Regulation 612) and from all parents and caregivers, particularly those, under-represented and under-served, share school data with parents/caregivers on (well-being, equity, and Achievement).

TDB System Calendar

Want to know what activities/events are taking place on the board? Visit the system calendar at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar>



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TDSB Connects

TDSB Connects is a monthly electronic newsletter for parents/guardians with information about news and events from across the Toronto District School Board. If you are a parent/guardian who doesn't currently receive TDSB Connects, please contact your local school to ensure your email address is up to date in your child's student contact record. To sign up visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/Newsletters/TDSB-Connects/Sep-27-2021>

INFORMATION SHARING

CampTO: Information & Registration

At Toronto's seasonal CampTOs, children and youth can be active, learn new skills, and make fun memories close to home.

Registration for Summer CampTO opens February 11, 2023, at 7 am.

Registration for March Break CampTO is open

Choose from: CampTO, CampTO Explore, CampTO Plus, Counsellor in Training, or Adapted & Inclusive options for campers with disabilities or needing additional support.

For more information visit <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/recreation/campto/>

Presentation-Acknowledging International Decade for People of African Descent: Panel Conversation - African Indigenous Spirituality and Healing

Join Dr. George J.S. Dei, Dr. Ama Mazama, and Dr. Njoki Wane for this enriching panel exploring Africentricity and Spirituality rooted within African-centred practices.

Audience: Caregivers, Community, Staff

Date: March 1, 2023

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Register [here](#)

Film Screening: Scarborough

You're invited! Join the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement for a virtual screening of *Scarborough* followed by a conversation with the author and screenwriter of the novel and adapted film, Catherine Hernandez!



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Scarborough the novel employs a multitude of voices to tell the story of a tight-knit neighbourhood under fire: among them, Victor, a Black artist harassed by the police; Winsum, a West Indian restaurant owner struggling to keep it together; and Hina, a Muslim school worker who witnesses first-hand the impact of poverty on education. *Scarborough* shows the love and perseverance communities can foster, lifting families to overcome the obstacles placed in their way.

Audience: Caregivers, Community, Staff
Date: March 7, 2023
Time: 6 – 9 p.m.
Register [here](#)

TDSB Virtual Community Fair: Let's Talk about Programs and Services for Children With Special or Complex Needs

Come meet with Community Partners ([see flyer](#)) to discuss important transition planning that needs to occur while in high school to prepare for adult programs at 18 years of age, and plan for life after high school. This is Part 1 in a 2 Part Series to help caregivers and students learn important information to assist with planning for Graduation and life after High School. The second part in this series will be on April 17th and repeated on April 24th.

Guests: Developmental Services Ontario (DSO), Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), and Passport Funds

When: Monday, March 6, 2023, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Monday, March 27, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/98367378226?pwd=MW9yaDZTYnBoUTRmZEpGaXVmMVAXdz09>

Dial by your location Meeting ID: 983 6737 8226

Passcode: 969515

One tap mobile

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For more information, email virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca

Call: Jill Elliot Brennan at 647-229-0728 or Larena Case at 416-570-3314



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Excellence Awards 2023 to Celebrate Staff Dedication

Every year, [the TDSB Excellence Awards](#) help shine a light on the stories of extraordinary staff commitment, and we are delighted to announce that nominations for the Excellence Awards 2023 will open today, February 27, 2023.

TDSBhub-Resources for Parents/Caregivers

Visit the hub... one-stop shop for information and resources created and maintained by the Community Support Workers (CSWs). For information visit www.tdsbhub.ca

Parent and Caregiver Early Literacy Website

As part of our commitment to early reading, Early Years has developed a [family and caregiver website](#) to encourage parents and caregivers to explore early literacy in their homes and community.

This website supplements the [Family and Caregiver Guide](#) that was released that outlines the vision of early reading in the TDSB in partnership with parents/caregivers and communities. Both the website and the Guide are led by our vision of parents/caregivers and provide an overview of foundational early reading skills and essential instructional approaches.

“Supporting Students at Home”-Resources for parents/caregivers of students in French programs.

Parents/caregivers may access resources at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Supporting-Students-at-Home>