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PCEO UPDATES

Requests for Switching Between Learning Models

All TDSB students completed a Selection Form for in-person or virtual learning for the 2021-22 school year. We communicated that there would be one opportunity to switch between in-person and virtual learning in February 2022. To coordinate switches for February 2022, **parents/students requesting a change must complete the Switch Form** <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Switch-Form> by **January 07, 2022**.

2021-2022 School Council Anti-Black, Anti-Indigenous and Oppression Parent Reaching Out Grant (PRO Grant)

The Program Priorities Funding's 2021-2022 PRO Grant) applications deadline was December 3, 2021. A total of 243 applications, requesting a total amount of \$194,897.05 was received. A 10 team reviewers team composed of TDSB Vice Principals, Child and Youth Workers, Community Support Workers and community partners will review all applications. Applicants will be notified of application approval status between December 13, 2021, to December 17, 2021. Funds will be uploaded to the school's budget within 5 business days of the approval letter. A list of approved applicants will be posted at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Parent-Reaching-Out-Grants/School-Council-Grants>

For the 2021-2022 school year, TDSB has received an allocation of \$253,125.14 for projects that demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents/caregivers in students' educational experiences. This year's allocation supported an array of initiatives including the School Council Anti-Black, Anti-Indigenous and Oppression Grant that was allocated \$170,000 of the grants.

For further information contact Shadi.MousaviZanjani@tdsb.on.ca



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TDSB Revised School Council Bylaw Template

The revised TDSB Bylaw Template will be launched week of January 10th, 2022

All School/School Councils will receive a communication in January that will include the revised By-Law template. School Councils are required to review and to discuss the revised By-Law template with the parent/caregiver community and at a formal meeting of Council prior to finalizing the By-Laws through completion of the online template.

No later than May, 2022, School Councils must:

- a) insert the required articles into their existing By-Laws; or
- b) adopt the new By-Law template.

Adoption of the templates will be as follows:

- School Councils with expired (older than 3 years) or no By-Laws, will adopt the By-Laws by resolution (vote) at an official meeting of the School Council, no later than May 2022. Following School Council's adoption, the Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair will complete the online By-Law template on behalf of the School Council for submission to the TDSB's Parent and Community Engagement Office (PCEO). The final By-Laws will be sent back to the School and Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair by the PCEO for distribution to School Council members and parents/caregivers;
- School Councils with By-Laws will revise the By-Laws by resolution (vote) at an official meeting of the School Council to ensure that all mandated articles of the new template are inserted into the By-Laws. Following School Council's adoption of the revisions, the Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair will complete the online By-Law template on behalf of the School Council for submission to the TDSB's (PCEO). The final By-Laws will be sent back to the Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair, copying the Principal, within 1 – 2 business days by the PCEO for distribution to School Council members and parents/caregivers.



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For details and further information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils>

Parent Volunteers - Vice-Principal Interviews Spring 2022

The Toronto District School Board currently includes a Parent Representative on Vice-Principal Interview Committees. Elementary and Secondary Vice-Principal interviews will be held this Spring. Parents/Caregivers interested in being trained to participate in Vice-Principal Interviews please note the following dates:

NOTE: We are asking all those who had expressed interest to please resubmit their interest.

If you would like to volunteer to participate in the Spring 2022 Vice-Principal interviews you are required to do the following:

1. Complete the Expression of Interest [PVP Spring 2022](https://bit.ly/PVPSpring22) (link - <https://bit.ly/PVPSpring22>)
2. Be available for the virtual VP Process and Interview Training Session scheduled for **Tuesday, February 8, 2022 5:00 to 8:00 pm**. The virtual meeting link will be shared with applicants

Please note **attendance at a training session is mandatory** in order to participate as a Parent/Guardian Representative on a Vice-Principal Interview Team.

3. Be available for the Spring 2022 cycle, interviews for Elementary Vice-Principal and Secondary Vice-Principal will be held on two of the three planned interview dates below:
 - Tuesday, February 22, 2022
 - Wednesday, February 24, 2022

****Due to the current Covid-19 impact, interviews may need to be completed virtually. If in-person interviews take place, they will be held at 1 Civic Centre Court (Burnhamthorpe and Hwy #427) during the day;**



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- *You will not be scheduled for more than one of these dates. Depending on the number of interview teams scheduled, not all parent representatives may be scheduled. You will be informed by e-mail no later than the week prior to the scheduled date if you have been placed on an interview team or identified as an alternate/back-up for the day.*
- *The interview day begins with a team caucus at 8:00am with the site coordinators. The last interview of the day will commence no later than 3:30pm.*
- For further information please contact Latha.John@tdsb.on.ca

School Council (SC) Resource Tools

The School Council Resource site is a great one stop shop for information on SC tools such as ZOOM, School Messenger, E-mail & Wifi Access, Improved Email Security for Mobile Users etc. Visit the [TDSB School Council Support](#) page for further details. For assistance with e-mail challenges please have the principal submit a ticket to the TDSBs Helpdesk.

The PCEO will be continuing training in the New Year for School Councils. Visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Workshops> for the schedule.

PO23-Parent and Community Involvement Policy and Community Advisory Committee Review

The PO23 outlines the framework for building and supporting parent and community involvement in the TDSB, including the establishment of the Board's Community Advisory Committees (CACs). To keep apprised of the PO23 activities please visit and register at <https://www.tdsbengage.ca/tdsb-engage>

At its meeting on April 21, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved a revised Critical Path and Work Plan for the CAC and the full P023 process and established new completion dates for each review. The CACs review report will be tracking to the Governance Policy Committee (GPC) on January 12, 2022. P023 review is scheduled for completion in 2022/2023. The PCEO will be continuing Phase II-Revisions of the



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Policy Review Work Plan. The revised work plan can be viewed at <https://pub-tdsb.escrimeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=8188>

Launch of 2021-2022 Conversation Series- for Parents/Caregivers

The conversation will resume in January with a great list speakers! Join us every 4th Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm for an engaging conversation with a leading edge presenter and/or keynote. For further details visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conversations-Series>

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

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

The 2021-2022 proposed interim expectations for school teams will focus on: explaining the school improvement process and the value of family involvement in it. Principals will seek input on the initial thinking regarding SIP goals with the school council (as required under Regulation 613) and from all parents and caregivers, particularly those, under-represented and under-served. Share School Data with parents/caregiver on (Wellbeing, Equity, and Achievement). For further information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/AgendaMinutes/Type/A?Folder=Agenda%2f20210609&Filename=6.pdf>

Adding PIAC Rep Names to School websites

At its March 10 2021 meeting the Board decided that the names of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee ward representatives for each ward be added to the TDSB school websites, adjacent to or below the current PIAC logo and link and that these names be linked to the representative's PIAC email address. TDSBs web team is reviewing the challenges with the addresses posted on the sites.

Bright Space-A Great Tool for Parents to get a View Into the Classroom



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Have you gotten the Bright Space App? This is a must check out for K-12 parents/cargivers. For information visit <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/tdsbvle/families?authuser=0>

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

COVID-19 Vaccines for Children –

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for children aged 5-11. Read more in the [recent letter from Toronto Public Health](#) how to book an appointment and access resources and information about the vaccine.

Travel Policies – Parents/caregivers are reminded to review the established federal international policies <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid> – including the guidelines for unvaccinated, school-aged-children <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada#children> – in advance of the December break in an effort to prevent absences in January related to post-travel requirements.

WINTER WELL-BEING GUIDE

As parents and caregivers, we may be wondering what we can do to help keep our children active and healthy, and to positively support their mental health and well-being. Within this guide <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Mental-Health-and-Well-Being> you find a variety of



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culturally responsive resources and accessible activities to help make this winter a little easier and fun for you and your family. Information on where and how to reach out for help is also included.

School Immunization Program – Toronto Public Health is hosting vaccination clinics for students, in Grade 7 and higher who need the following vaccines: Meningococcal-ACYW, Human papillomavirus and/or Hepatitis-B. [Read the full letter from TPH](#) and complete the [consent form](#) to access or visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/Newsletters/TDSB-Connects/Sep-27-2021>

Vaccine Information-Informed Consent

- Parental consent is not required for children 13 years or younger if the young person is capable to make the decision. This is called informed consent. This means the young person must understand information about the vaccine, why it is being recommended and what will happen if they accept or refuse vaccination. For further details visit <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-resources/>

TVO Learn and TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison

- The Ministry of Education has announced the launch of two new portals developed in partnership with TVO and TFO. TVO Learn and TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison will provide optional supplemental support for students who are self-screening, quarantining at home, or wishing to build their skills by accessing additional educational resources developed by Ontario certified teachers. These portals provide engaging and interactive ways to support students in furthering their learning in the Grades 1 to 8 Ontario curriculum from home.
- Secondary students can continue to access TVO's Independent Learning Centre (ILC) Open House and Portes ouvertes pour les cours TVO ILC in French-language, which provide access to 144 Grade 9 to 12 courses. These ILC resources are not for credit but are designed to provide



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flexible learning opportunities to help students keep up with their learning or deepen their understanding of a specific subject. In addition, French-language students also have access to French-language online courses available through the Consortium d'apprentissage virtuel de l'Ontario.

- For further information visit: <https://tvolearn.com/>

Helpful Links

- Talking Race and Racism- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1473/Talking-about-Race-and-Racism-With-Children>
- Information on Return to School Virtual & In-person <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/>
- Information on supporting your child www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents
- Resources for [mental health and well-being](#), [homework](#), [safety](#), [curriculum](#) and other ways to [get involved](#).