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## **PCEO UPDATES**

### **REGISTER NOW-Parents, Caregivers as Partners Conference**

The conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, and Sunday, October 23, 2022. For further information, visit <https://parentsaspartners.ca/>

### **Election Activities and Use of Board Resources by TDSB Advisory Committees**

Please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/257> for information on the election rules and regulations for Advisory Committees and members of members the Board.

### **School Council By-Laws Template**

TDSB has updated the School Council By-Laws Template. The update includes:

All Councils is required to update or create by-laws by December 2022. For further information, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/By-Laws>

### **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.

### **Model Schools Ambassador Program**

Are you a parent/caregiver in one of the Boards Model Schools? If you are get involved in the Ambassador program. For more information visit <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/cswws/home>



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## 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).

Schools will be commencing SIP work in the areas of achievement, well-being, and Indigenous Education and Sovereignty, with equity threaded in all areas.

### Preparing for High School High School Webinar Series

To support our Grade 8 students and families, the TDSB will be hosting a series of Preparing for High School Information Sessions. Students and families from any grade are welcome to attend. The series includes:

The [Grade 8 to Grade 9 Transition Information Session](#), taking place on November 1, 2022, will share the Top 10 Tips and Considerations in the Transition to High School. This presentation is designed to augment the work already taking place through secondary open houses and at the Grade 8 schools.

The [Student Interest Programs Information Session](#), taking place on November 3, 2022, will help students and families learn more about local programs, Facilitated Access to Skilled Trades programs, and out-of-area admissions, and apply to centralized programs and schools, including:

- Arts Focus Programs/Schools (elementary and secondary)
- CyberARTS Programs (elementary and secondary)
- Elite Athlete Programs (elementary and secondary)
- Integrated Technology School
- International Baccalaureate Programs
- Leadership Pathway Program
- Math, Science & Technology Programs

To further support students and parents/caregivers with the application process, central



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TDSB staff will be hosting three (3) Centralized Program Admissions Support Sessions to answer any questions that students or families may have when completing the Centralized Program Application. Live, online support will be available on the following dates:

- November 8 - 4:00pm – 5:30pm ([LINK](#))
- November 15 - 7:00pm – 8:30pm ([LINK](#))
- November 24 - 4:00pm – 5:30pm ([LINK](#))

The [Virtual Secondary Alternative Schools Fair](#), taking place on November 9, 2022, will introduce families to the Alternative schools on the board that offer Grade 9 to 12 programming. Alternative schools are highly engaged, smaller school environments. They use non-traditional hands-on approaches to learning. Each school has a distinct identity and focus. These schools are ideal for students seeking an alternative to mainstream education and who want to take an active role in their learning.

### **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>

### **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***

### **Fall 2022 Professional Learning Opportunities for TDSB Staff, Students and Families on Addressing Islamophobia**

Families, Caregivers & Community Learning Opportunities:

- October 25, 2022: Building an Understanding of Anti-Black Islamophobia
- November 24, 2022: Storytelling: Reclaiming our Narratives

For more information about the sessions, contact [cebsa@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:cebsa@tdsb.on.ca)

**Building Foundational Reading Skills and Creating a Sense of Joy, Belonging and**



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## Engagement Through Picture Books

The Early Years Department, in partnership with Speech-Language, has created a series of resources to support the building of foundational reading skills while creating a sense of joy, belonging, and engagement using picture books at home. Additional information, resources, and support can be accessed at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Family-and-Caregivers/Picture-Books>

## Ventilation Information

Over the past two years, the TDSB has focused on several areas to improve ventilation in schools and keep students and staff healthy. To ensure you are aware of the efforts, the Ministry of Education has asked that all school boards share the school-specific ventilation improvement measures taken. You can find them all [here](#), on our public ventilation website. *(Once the spreadsheet is open, please select the "School Dashboard" tab at the bottom and select your school from the dropdown menu).* As a reminder, some of the measures we have taken visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Home/ctl/Details/mid/42863/itemId/24>