**SEAC Members Selection Process 2023-2027**

In accordance with the Education Act: Regulation 464/97, Special Education Advisory Committees each school board is required to establish a Special Education Advisory Committee.

SEAC Membership:

The composition of SEAC is outlined in the Education Act and in TDSB is composed of the following:

* Representatives and alternates for these representatives from up to 12 local associations that operate locally within the jurisdiction of the board, as nominated by the local association and appointed by the board, who must be:
	+ a Canadian citizen;
	+ Of the full age of 18 years;
	+ A resident within the area of jurisdiction of the board;
	+ A public school elector; and
	+ Not employed by the board in which the member resides;
* The local associations must be affiliated with associations or organizations that:
	+ are incorporated;
	+ operate throughout Ontario;
	+ further the interests and well-being of one or more groups of exceptional children or adults; and,
	+ do not represent professional educators
* 3 board trustees.
* One or two persons to represent the interests of Indigenous students attending board schools under a tuition agreement. (Where a board has one member appointed in accordance with a regulation made under section 188 of the Act)
* 8 additional members (community representatives – 2 from each Learning Centre) are appointed who are neither representatives of a local association nor trustees of another committee of the board.
* Alternates, for local association members and community representatives, are able to attend and participate in SEAC meetings if the local association member cannot be present.

**Selection Process for Community Membership – Application Deadline Oct. 15, 2022**

* Interested community members complete an application form available online (<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Special-Education-Advisory-Committee>) or by request from the SEAC Liaison (lianne.dixon@tdsb.on.ca) .
* The application, along with any additional relevant information, should be submitted electronically to lianne.dixon@tdsb.on.ca or by mail to SEAC Liaison, Special Education and Inclusion, 5th floor, 5050 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario  M2N 5N8
* Applications/expressions of interest are reviewed by a sub-committee consisting of the following staff:
* Associate Director (Leadership, Learning and School Improvement)
* System Superintendent (Special Education and Inclusion)
* Centrally Assigned Principals (Special Education)
* Recommendations of the sub-committee are taken to the Program and School Services Committee (PSSC)
* Recommendations from PSSC are taken to the Board of Trustees to be appointed to SEAC.

**Criteria Considered for Community Membership**

* Representation from a wide range of exceptionalities/special needs
* Representation from a diversity of geographical locations across Toronto
* Members are selected based on principles of representation that include diversity in all its manifestations, a variety of skills, experiences, and knowledge, specifically,
* Representative for an exceptionality/learning need that is under represented by the current membership
* Previous/current involvement with communities, agencies, school councils, parent groups, etc.
* Diversity of the applicant (self-identified)

Preference is given to parent/guardians of student(s) currently receiving a variety of special education supports/services in TDSB schools Selection Process: for Associations

**Selection Process for Associations and their Representatives - Application Deadline Oct. 15, 2022**

* Interested associations apply by writing a letter to Audley Salmon, Associate Director (Leadership, Learning and School Improvement) to request representation on the SEAC.  Letters and  applications, along with any additional relevant information should be submitted electronically to lianne.dixon@tdsb.on.ca or by mail to SEAC Liaison, Special Education and Inclusion, 5th floor, 5050 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario  M2N 5N8
* A letter should include the nomination and qualifications of the nominee (Application Forms are available on the public website). available online (<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Special-Education-Advisory-Committee>) or by request from the SEAC Liaison (lianne.dixon@tdsb.on.ca) .
* The board may appoint to membership of the SEAC only those persons who qualify. Each association is entitled to one member.
* Where there are more than twelve associations in the area of jurisdiction of the board, the board shall select the twelve local associations that shall be represented.
* Applications/expressions of interest are reviewed by a sub-committee consisting of the following staff:
	+ Associate Director (Leadership, Learning and School Improvement)
	+ System Superintendent (Special Education and Inclusion)
	+ Centrally Assigned Principals (Special Education)
* Recommendations of sub-committee are taken to the Program and Services Committee
* Recommendations from PSSC are taken to Board of Trustees to be appointed to SEAC.

**Criteria Considered for Association Membership**

* Representation from a wide range of exceptionalities
* Representation from a diversity of geographical locations across Toronto

**APPLICATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 15TH 2022**