

# Trustee **Dan MacLean**

Ward 2, Etobicoke Centre

Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I hope that you and your family had an adventurous, restful, and enjoyable summer.

As the elected public school board trustee for Ward 2 (Etobicoke Centre), a large part of my role is to advocate for you and your child(ren), and to represent the needs of all students and families in the Toronto District School Board. I want to thank parents/guardians/caregivers in the past that have shared their thoughts, concerns, and opinions with me. Hearing and learning the thoughts from families and community members help me to gain greater perspective and understanding. I'm always looking to learn more about your priorities, issues, and local school successes. If you have something to share with me, please do not hesitate to email me at <a href="mailto:dan.maclean@tdsb.on.ca">dan.maclean@tdsb.on.ca</a> or please call and leave a message with trustee services at 416-395-8787. I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Staff at Ward 2 schools, and those throughout the TDSB, have been busy preparing for the new school year and welcoming your child(ren). I fully appreciate that the school experience can be both exciting and overwhelming, not just for students but also for parents, guardians, and caregivers. To ensure you and your child have a fantastic year ahead, I invite you to explore our website <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca">www.tdsb.on.ca</a>. You can find valuable information, ways to get involved, as well as helpful resources for the upcoming school year. At the Toronto District School Board, we are committed to establishing and maintaining the best academic experience possible, while also supporting the well-being and mental health of you and your family. To access a variety of tools and resources tailored for students and parents/guardians/caregivers, please visit <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/MHWB">www.tdsb.on.ca/MHWB</a>.

We are currently in the process of renewing our Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP), and consultations will be ongoing throughout the Fall. I want to express my gratitude to those who have already participated in this important endeavor. We encourage you to complete the MYSP online survey <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP-Survey">www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP-Survey</a> and explore <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal">www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP-survey</a> and explore <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP-survey">www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP-survey</a> and explore

I want to personally express my condolences to family, friends, and colleagues of Richard Bilkszto on his tragic passing in July. Toronto District School Board (TDSB) has launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the passing of Richard Bilkszto, retaining King International Advisory Group, an experienced and well-respected investigative firm with multi-disciplinary expertise in conducting thorough investigations. Regular equity training sessions for all staff support student achievement and well-being and are an important aspect of the Board's approved multi-year strategic priorities. Effective learning takes place in a supportive environment that fosters honest dialogue and is based on respect and learning. I believe it is of paramount importance to learn what happened, and if/where necessary, adapt to ensure the safety and protect the mental well-being of everyone involved with all future training sessions. I want to reassure everyone in the TDSB community, that our commitment to an inclusive, equitable and accessible education for all students is unwavering. Recently, I and other Trustees voted unanimously to reaffirm the TDSB's support for its Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Strategy with the Director of Education and Board Chair issuing a joint statement www.tdsb.on.ca/home/ctl/Details/mid/43823/itemId/151

The TDSB is the largest school board in the country, but it's the bonds and relationships that make our schools feel like family/community. I look forward to working in partnership with students, families, and your local school community as I believe we all have an important role to play. Trustees and TDSB staff continue to work hard together to create the safest and best educational experience possible for students throughout the Toronto District School Board. Your involvement and interaction in your child's education success is important and plays a significant role along with the teachers and administrators who together work in partnership with you.

I strongly believe that our schools are strongest and most effective when we all work together. I look forward to collaborating with all Ward 2 school communities this year. I wish everyone a wonderful start to the 2023/2024 school year!

Warmest regards,

Dan MacLean

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## 2023-2024 Information



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PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 4, 2023
Board-wide PA Day	October 6, 2023
Thanksgiving	October 9, 2023
Board-wide PA Day	November 17, 2023
Elementary PA Day	December 8, 2023
Winter Break	December 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024
Elementary PA Day	January 19, 2024
Secondary PA Day	February 1, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	February 16, 2024
Family Day	February 19, 2024
March Break	March 11 - 15, 2024
Good Friday	March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	April 1, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	April 19, 2024
Victoria Day	May 20, 2024
Elementary School PA Day	June 7, 2024
Secondary School PA Day	June 27, 2024
Secondary School PA Day	June 28, 2024

First day of classes for students is September 5, 2023 The last day of class for elementary students is June 27, 2024 The last day of class for secondary students is June 28, 2024

#### **Days of Significance**

For more information, please visit

www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolyearcalendar www.tdsb.on.ca/daysofsignificance

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# Parent Concern Protocol Classroom Teacher

#### STEP ONE

If you have any questions or concerns, the first person to go to is your classroom teacher. The classroom teacher can help with:

- · Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

### **School Principal**

#### STEP TWO

If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal can help.

- · Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- · Report card concerns
- Classroom concerns
- · Code of Conduct
- · Safety and security
- · Budget and fundraising
- School Council

### **School Superintendents**

#### STEP Three

Superintendents are responsible for a Network of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with:

- Alternate attendance request
- · Suspension appeals

#### **Trustees**

#### STEP FOUR

Trustees are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the TDSB:

- Concerns about your community
- Ideas and suggestions for the Board
- · Items on Board Agenda
- · Board policies under review
- Board budget
- Collective bargaining

#### **Board Office**

You can contact the Board Office directly for any questions or concerns related to:

- Continuing Education
- ESL
- Night and summer school
- · Board documents
- Adult education

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