



# Trustee Shelley Laskin

Ward 11, St. Paul's



Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year. I hope you and your family had a restful and safe summer.

For those of you who have not met me yet, let me introduce myself. I am your local Ward 11 school trustee. It's my task to be your link with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB), which governs the public schools of this city. The TDSB is committed to creating an equitable school system where the achievement and well-being of every student is fostered. Learn more in [A Vision for Learning in TDSB](#) document. As your elected representative, I make decisions with the rest of the elected trustees on the Board and act as your advocate and 'sounding board,' should the need arise. I believe we all have a role to play to help our public schools thrive.

I also bring important Board news to you, through a webpage you might enjoy checking out. It has key information and helpful resources for navigating some of education's trickier waters - like homework! You'll find it at [www.tdsb.on.ca/needtoknow](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/needtoknow).

To stay informed about news and events throughout the year, please sign up for my weekly e-newsletter at <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1787552/1752436/?v=a> and visit my webpage [www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward11](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward11). This website is intended to support and encourage your direct participation in our public school system. Here you can learn about items of interest, opportunities to be involved such as the Ward 11 Forum, access up-to-date information, or read my weekly updates (via the links on the left-hand side of the page).

Parent/guardian participation is an essential aspect of every student's education. There are many ways to get involved. School councils provide a forum for student, parent and community voices and advise principals and the Board on school issues. To learn more about school councils contact your school or visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolcouncil](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolcouncil). For information about the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC), a TDSB-wide group, visit [www.torontopiac.ca](http://www.torontopiac.ca).

If you are unable to find the information you need, please feel free to contact Araz Hasserjian – TDSB Administrative Liaison who will be supporting me and will answer the Trustees shared line during office hours. Araz can also be reached directly at 416-397-3061 or via e-mail at [Araz.Hasserjian@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Araz.Hasserjian@tdsb.on.ca).

I am always looking to learn more about your local school successes, issues and priorities. If you have something to share, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at [Shelley.Laskin@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Shelley.Laskin@tdsb.on.ca). We may be the largest school board in the country, but it's the relationships that make our schools feel like family. By getting involved, you're supporting public education, and I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child's school this year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelley Laskin".

Shelley Laskin



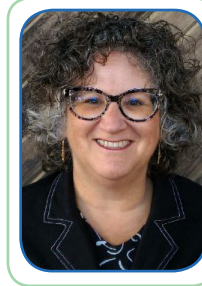
# Who to contact when you have questions or concerns about issues in the classroom, your school or the TDSB.

## 1 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



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Your School Superintendent  
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To learn more about important school year dates at the TDSB visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/aboutus/calendar](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/aboutus/calendar).

## 2 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

## 3 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

## 4 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
- Night and summer school
- Adult education
- ESL
- Board documents

Phone: 416-397-3000 • Email: [GeneralInquiries@TDSB.on.ca](mailto:GeneralInquiries@TDSB.on.ca)

PA Days 2017-2018						
PA Days	October	November	December	January	February	June
Elementary	6	17	1	19	16	8, 29
Secondary	6	17	1		1*, 16	27*, 28, 29

PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 4, 2017
Board-wide PA Day	October 6, 2017
Thanksgiving	October 9, 2017
Board-wide PA Day	November 17, 2017
Board-wide PA Day	December 1, 2017
Christmas Break	December 25, 2017 to January 5, 2018 (inclusive) Last day of school is December 22, 2017 School resumes January 8, 2018
Elementary PA Day	January 19, 2018
Secondary PA Day - (Semestered Schools only)	February 1, 2018*
Board-wide PA Day	February 16, 2018
Family Day	February 19, 2018
March Break	March 12 to 16, 2018
Good Friday	March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	April 2, 2018
Victoria Day	May 21, 2018
Elementary School PA Day	June 8, 2018
Secondary School PA Day (Full Year Schools only)	June 27, 2018*
Secondary School PA Day	June 28, 2018
Board-wide PA Day	June 29, 2018

\*The first day of second semester is February 2, 2018. Secondary school calendar includes a PA day for semestered schools only on February 1, 2018 and a PA Day for full-year schools only on June 27, 2018.