



**CHRIS SPENCE**  
**Director of Education**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I believe in recognizing the significant things happening around us every day and celebrating excellence throughout our schools and departments.

Each year, our Board hosts the Excellence Awards – the premier staff achievement award at the TDSB. Last year I was amazed and inspired by the 17 winners, who demonstrated excellence in supporting our students. This year I hope to see even more nominations submitted!

This year, the Excellence Awards will recognize those individuals or groups who have best advanced the five Strategic Directions of the TDSB, namely:

1. Make every school an effective school;
2. Build leadership within a culture of adaptability, openness, and resilience;
3. Form strong and effective relationships and partnerships;
4. Build environmentally sustainable schools that inspire teaching and learning; and
5. Identify disadvantage and intervene effectively.

I encourage you, as a parent or guardian of a student in our system, to consider nominating an individual or group of staff who has created a program, project, partnership or event that realizes one or more of the Strategic Directions. We want to hear from you!

**Download a nomination form and selection criteria and view profiles of last year's winners now at [www.tdsb.on.ca/excellence](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/excellence).** The deadline for applications is March 2.

I'm looking forward to highlighting incredible achievements from across the Board and celebrating with everyone at the Excellence Awards Celebration on May 10 Earl Haig SS.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Chris Spence'.

Chris Spence  
Director of Education