



Trustee  
**Gerri Gershon**  
Ward 13, Don Valley West



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome the new school year where teachers and students optimistically greet each other and little ones bravely enter their first days of kindergarten. I have observed these touching interactions for 33 years as your Trustee; however, this September will be the last time.

I have decided not to seek re-election. When I first became a Trustee, my three daughters were in elementary school, there were no computers in the classrooms and Trustees smoked during committee meetings. Now, my seven grandkids are in elementary school, computers are considered amazing tools for learning and smoking is forbidden within 9 metres of the doors to the education center.

Over the years it has been my good fortune to open new schools, oversee grade changes, start new programs and watch thousands of children graduate from high school. I have been able to serve as Chair of the Board and President of both the Ontario Public School Boards' and Canadian School Boards' Associations. I have initiated curriculum delivery and interacted with distinguished educators.

Most importantly, however, are the families from vastly different backgrounds who have figuratively and sometimes literally welcomed me into their homes. They have shared their concerns and hopes and dreams for their children. This is a rare and precious experience – one that I will cherish forever.

Thank you for enriching my life. It has been a tremendous honour to represent you.

*Gerri Gershon*

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# 2018 - 2019 Information



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PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 3, 2018
Board-wide PA Day	October 5, 2018
Thanksgiving	October 8, 2018
Board-wide PA Day	November 16, 2018
Board-wide PA Day	December 7, 2018
Christmas Break	December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019 (inclusive) Last day of school is December 21, 2018 School resumes January 7, 2019
Elementary PA Day	January 18, 2019
Secondary PA Day - (Semestered Schools only)	January 31, 2019*
Board-wide PA Day	February 15, 2019
Family Day	February 18, 2019
March Break	March 11 to 15, 2019
Good Friday	April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	May 20, 2019
Elementary School PA Day	June 7, 2019
Secondary School PA Day (Full Year Schools only)	June 26, 2019*
Secondary School PA Day	June 27, 2019
Board-wide PA Day	June 28, 2019

\*The first day of second semester is February 1, 2019. Secondary school calendar includes a PA day for semestered schools only on January 31, 2019 and a PA Day for full-year schools only on June 26, 2019.

## Know what's happening at the TDSB!



## Parent Concern Protocol

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### Classroom Teacher

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

Step One

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### School Principal

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

Step Two

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### School Superintendents

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

Step Three

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### Trustees

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

Step Four