



Trustee  
**Alexis Dawson**  
Ward 9, Davenport



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For those of you who have not met me yet, let me introduce myself. I am your local school trustee. I am your link with the Toronto District School Board, which governs Toronto's public schools.

As your appointed representative, I make decisions with the rest of the 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. What does a trustee do? Visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDb80j3rjmQ&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDb80j3rjmQ&feature=youtu.be).

We are, more than ever, focused on ensuring that all students have access to the programs, opportunities and supports needed to reach high levels of achievement and well-being. This priority is driven by our newly approved Multi-Year Strategic Plan, which outlines our mission, values and goals in support of student success. To read the full plan, visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/mysp](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/mysp).

Your involvement in your child's education and school life will contribute to their success. There are a number of ways you can get involved – to explore these opportunities please speak to your classroom teacher, School Council Chair or Principal or visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Get-Involved](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Get-Involved).

As the new school year begins, you will find helpful resources for both parents and students here [www.tdsb.on.ca/needtoknow](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/needtoknow). Information includes homework tips, transportation updates and supports for mental health, healthy living and anti-bullying. And on the reverse side of this letter, please find the school year calendar, the Parent Concern Protocol, TDSB social media accounts and contact information for both me and the Superintendent of Education.

To stay informed on what is happening in the Ward, please sign up for my e-newsletter by visiting my trustee page at [www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward9](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward9). You can also follow me on Twitter [@AlexisDawsonTO](https://twitter.com/AlexisDawsonTO). For system-wide news about the Toronto District School Board, subscribe to TDSB Update at [www.tdsb.on.ca/TDSBupdate](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/TDSBupdate) and follow the TDSB on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

I am always looking to learn more about your local school successes, issues and priorities. If you have something to share or wish to speak with me directly, please email me at [Alexis.Dawson@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Alexis.Dawson@tdsb.on.ca) or call and leave a message at 416 395-TRUS (8787).

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 "Alexis Dawson".

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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

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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### 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

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### 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

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### 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