

September 3, 2021

Dear Central Technical School families,

First, I would like to formally introduce myself and express how excited I am to serve as the new Principal of Central Technical School. September 1st was officially my first day as a member of this team and I look forward to connecting with and learning from the students, caregivers, and staff at Central Tech!

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support as Central Tech teachers, administration, and support staff endeavour to re-open our school safely and compassionately for our students. The health and safety of our staff and students continue to be our priority along with mental health, well-being, and achievement.

As you know, Central Tech has welcomed Bloor Collegiate and Alpha II into our space. Lots of people, including staff, administrators, caretakers, architects, engineers, construction workers and many more have been hard at work setting up the school in preparation to welcome students from all three schools.

#### **TDSB Practices and Protocols:**

All TDSB Secondary Schools will be following a modified schedule. The [school year calendar](#) and [daily schedule](#) have now been finalized. TDSB will be emailing student timetables on September 7th. Please let your student know they should check their TDSB accounts for their timetable. Timetables will also be available on the [TDSB connects app](#).

While we continue to work on developing TDSB-specific guidelines, many of which go beyond Ministry guidelines, practices and protocols have been determined in a number of different areas. [Secondary information](#) as well as details about [ventilation in TDSB](#) schools and other [health safety measures](#) are currently available on the website. Read more about the return to TDSB schools in [Questions and Answers](#).

The use of face masks is required by all students in the TDSB. Please ensure that your student comes to school with masks/face covering each day, and extra masks in case they are soiled. While students are encouraged to bring their own, we will have extra masks available.

The TDSB requires all students, staff, and essential visitors to complete the daily [self-assessment](#) and stay home if they have symptoms or other COVID 19 exposure risk factors.

Central Tech students will be screened and permitted to enter the school at doors 2, 9, and 10, all exits are labeled and staff will be outside to assist students. Students should arrive between 8:35 - 8:55 for screening and proceed directly to their first-period class. Students should dress for the weather as they will have to wait outside for their turn to be screened. Markings will also be provided to facilitate physical distancing. A self-assessment can be verified two ways:

- A parent/guardian signing the [TDSB Health pass daily](#) and the student showing it to staff at the entry door
- A parent/guardian completing the assessment on the [TDSB screening app](#), which generates a QR code that a student can scan at the entry door, or the student can provide their name and the staff can verify their status

Students will be encouraged to go outside to eat their lunch. If weather does not allow for this, students can eat in the main building in the cafeteria or the halls, provided students maintain physical distance and try to keep talking to a minimum.

At this time, the use of lockers is not permitted. This decision will be reviewed once school routines have been established.

Pending development of a TDSB Vaccination Procedure, non-essential visitors will not be allowed inside the school building. Staff will accompany students to the door when they are being picked up by a parent/caregiver during instructional time. All other student pickups will be outside. In the case where families would like to speak with someone at the school, please call or email the school directly.

Finally, please watch for an email from TDSB Online Form ([noreply@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:noreply@tdsb.on.ca)), which may arrive after your student's first day of school. These forms are important to ensure information we have is up to date and we can connect with you when needed.

This email is not intended to answer all of your questions. More information will follow from the school. As always, please continue to monitor the [TDSB and school website](#) for the latest updates and additional information. We are looking forward to seeing our students again!

Stay safe and be well,



Anne Chirakal