



## Trustee **Shelley Laskin**



Ward 8, Eglinton-Lawrence and Toronto-St. Paul's

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

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 elected 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. 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.

As the new school year begins, you will find helpful resources for both parents and students here <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents>. Information includes homework tips, transportation updates and supports for mental health, healthy living and anti-bullying.

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 answering 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).

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 <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/getinvolved>.

If you would like to stay regularly informed on what is happening at the Board and its impacts on the schools in Ward 8, you can read my weekly e-update. To receive it every Sunday evening, click here <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1787552/1752436/?v=a>. You can also visit my webpage at Trustee Webpage <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward8> or follow me on twitter <https://twitter.com/shelleylaskin>.

For system-wide news about the Toronto District School Board, subscribe to TDSB Update at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/TDSB-Update> 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 do not hesitate to e-mail me at [Shelley.Laskin@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Shelley.Laskin@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. 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**

**Trustee Ward 8 – Eglinton-Lawrence & Toronto-St Paul's**



# 2019-20 Information



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PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 2, 2019
Board-wide PA Day	October 11, 2019
Thanksgiving	October 14, 2019
Board-wide PA Day	November 15, 2019
Board-wide PA Day	December 6, 2019
Winter Break	December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020 (inclusive). Last day of school is December 20, 2019. School resumes January 6, 2020
Elementary PA Day	January 17, 2020
Secondary PA Day - (Semestered Schools only)	January 30, 2020*
Board-wide PA Day	February 14, 2020
Family Day	February 17, 2020
March Break	March 16 to 20, 2020
Good Friday	April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	May 18, 2020
Elementary School PA Day	June 5, 2020
Secondary School PA Day (Full Year Schools only)	June 24, 2020*
Secondary School PA Day	June 25, 2020
Board-wide PA Day	June 26, 2020

\*The first day of second semester is January 31, 2020. Secondary school calendar includes a PA day for semestered schools only on January 30, 2020 and a PA Day for full-year schools only on June 24, 2020.

Please make note of the following [2019-2020 Days of Significance](#). You may also find the [Days of Significance Resource Guide](#) helpful.

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## 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

### 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

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