

# Trustee Update

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## June 2024

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### School Year Calendar

Mark your calendars! The first day of school for the 2024-2025 School Year is **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**.

The School Year Calendar for the upcoming year is available now.

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### Celebrating Good News

I encourage you to read about some of the recent events, initiatives, and great things happening across the Toronto District School Board, including:

- [Dr. Norman Bethune CI All-Girls Robotics Team Competes in FIRST Global Challenge](#)
  - [Lord Lansdowne Students Help Shape the Future of Chinatown](#)
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### June is Indigenous History Month

At the TDSB, we are proud to honour June as National Indigenous History Month and June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. It is a time to celebrate and learn from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples' diverse cultures, histories, experiences, creations, perspectives, and achievements. [Learn More.](#)

### Italian Heritage Month

June is proudly recognized as Italian Heritage Month. This year's theme is *Sharing Our Stories and Embracing Our Future/Condividere le nostre storie e abbracciare il nostro futuro*. To commemorate this year's theme, TDSB students are invited to submit a video that captures their special memory or tradition with their nonni (grandparents) or an elderly caregiver/guardian. Please visit the webpage to [learn more](#).

## **Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month**

We are proud to celebrate Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month during the month of June at the TDSB and has been since 2011. This year's theme is Unidos/*United!* Please follow us on Twitter [@TDSB\\_PSHM](#) and [visit the website](#) to learn more about planned events in June.

## **TDSB Celebrates 2SLGBTQ+ Pride**

June is Pride Month at TDSB! It's an opportunity to celebrate diversity among staff and students about the culture and history of 2SLGBTQ+ community.

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## **Budget**

The TDSB budget process continues, with an upcoming Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee meeting on Thursday, June 13 where Trustees will discuss options to balance the budget. Learn more and access meeting agendas and reports [here](#).

## **Cell Phone/Mobile Device Use in Schools Policy Pre-Consultation**

We are currently developing a Cell Phone/Mobile Device Use in Schools Policy and your input is important to us. We want to hear from parents/guardians/caregivers, students, and community partners. Please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/mobiledevicepolicy](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/mobiledevicepolicy) to learn more and consider attending an upcoming webcast on June 11 and 12, and/or completing an [online survey](#).

## **Secondary Alternative Schools Program Review Survey**

Share your voice! In response to a recommendation from the Alternative Schools Community Advisory Committee, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to conduct a [review of Secondary Alternative Schools](#). Please consider completing this voluntary and anonymous [survey](#) to provide feedback on TDSB's Secondary Alternative School programs

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## **Summer Well-Being Guide**

The 2024 [Summer Well-being Guide](#) is now available! The guide has resources, community connections, events, and ideas for students and parents/guardians/caregivers to promote mental and physical wellness during the summer months. The resources are culturally responsive and include many for students with disabilities/special education needs. The [Guide](#) has been translated into the top 23 TDSB languages spoken and is accessible.

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## **Summer Programs**

Did you know the TDSB offers various summer programs? They are now open for registration! Elementary programs include: [Elementary Summer School](#), [International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Program](#), [Special Education and Inclusion Summer Program](#), [Summer Music & Art Camps](#). Secondary programs include [Continuing Education Secondary Credit](#), [e-Summer School Program](#), [International Youth Summer](#)

[Program](#). Adult programs include: [Learn4Life - Adult General Interest Programs](#) and [Adult ESL - Refugee Claimants Only](#), [Essential Skills Upgrading](#), [Enhanced Language Training](#), [LINC-Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada](#).

### **Grade 8 Summer Reach Ahead Opportunity**

Current Grade 8 students are eligible to register for the e-Summer Full Credit Summer Reach Ahead course (GLD2OE). Successful completion of this course counts towards the Ministry of Education's mandatory e-Learning credit requirement. Registration for the Reach Ahead course has begun! [Learn More](#).

### **e-Summer School Registration (Grade 10-12 Credit Courses)**

A reminder that registration for July and August e-Summer School courses has now begun! View the [list of course offerings](#) online. To register, students should connect with their home school Guidance Counsellors. [Learn More](#).

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### **Student Transportation Parent Portal**

Parents/guardians/caregivers with children who take the bus to school are encouraged to sign up for the [Student Transportation Parent Portal](#) to access important information and updates. Note: You must register for the portal with the email address on file at your child's school. Contact [support@torontoschoolbus.org](mailto:support@torontoschoolbus.org) for any issues with the registration process.

### **Phased-in Start for Student Transportation**

Please be advised that the [Toronto Student Transportation Group](#) will once again be implementing a phased-in start for the 2024-25 school year. Starting Tuesday, September 3, transportation will begin for students with special education needs (excluding those in the gifted program) who travel to school on minibuses, minivans, taxis and wheelchair-accessible vehicles. Bussing for all other eligible students will begin on Monday, September 9, pending driver availability.

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### **PA Day Information**

During the school year, school staff participate in a number of Professional Activity (PA) Days and boards of education are required to publicly share information 14 days in advance, as outlined in [Policy and Program Memorandum \(PPM\) 151](#). View information for the [PA Day on Friday, June 7, 27 and 28, 2024](#).

### **Mental Health Resources to Support Students and Families**

I encourage you to look at a variety of helpful resources available from [School Mental Health Ontario](#). Read about [Tips For Managing Test and Exam Stress](#), [Mental Health Activities for Home](#), and a series of supports related to navigating the transition from secondary school: [Parent/Caregiver Handout](#), [Student Balanced Thought Journal](#), and [Personal Stress Management Plan](#).

## Steps to Address Your Questions and Concerns

Here at the TDSB, we are always open to hearing your questions and concerns and make every effort to address them as quickly as possible. Your child's classroom teacher is the first point of contact, followed by the school's principal, the school superintendent, and me, your Trustee! For more information, visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns).


### Upcoming Meetings

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. For a list of upcoming meetings, please click on the [calendar](#) at [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca).




### Follow the TDSB

Join the conversations happening on TDSB's social media communities. You'll find the most up-to-date information about us on our Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram accounts.

- [X \(Twitter\) @TDSB](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram @Torontodsb](#)
- [Threads @Torontodsb](#)



The image features a row of orange silhouettes depicting various people, including children, adults, and a person in a wheelchair, representing diversity. Below this is a horizontal bar with segments in orange, green, yellow, and blue. The TDSB logo, a white circle with a green 'C' and the text 'Toronto District School Board', is centered on the blue segment.

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