# Toronto District School Board Trustee Harpreet Gill Ward 1, Etobicoke North

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

As the elected public school board trustee for your community, my role is to advocate for you and your child, and to represent the needs of all students and parents/guardians in the Toronto District School Board.

We are 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 Multi-Year Strategic Plan, which outlines our mission, values and goals in support of student success. To read the full plan, visit <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/mysp">www.tdsb.on.ca/mysp</a>.

Your involvement in your child's education and school life can also contribute to their success. There are numerous ways you can get involved, such as taking part in your local school council, volunteering to coach sports or supervising field trips. To explore these opportunities, and others, visit <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/getinvolved">www.tdsb.on.ca/getinvolved</a>.

As the new school year begins, I encourage you to visit our webpage for parents, <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/forparents">www.tdsb.on.ca/forparents</a>. Here, you will find helpful resources for both parents and students, including homework tips, the school-year calendar, transportation information and updates, and supports for mental health, healthy living and bullying.

To stay informed, please sign up for my e-newsletter by emailing me at <a href="mailto:Harpreet.Gill@tdsb.on.ca">Harpreet.Gill@tdsb.on.ca</a>, visiting my webpage at <a href="www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward1">www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward1</a> and by following me on Facebook (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/trusteegill">https://www.facebook.com/trusteegill</a>), Twitter (<a href="https://twitter.com/harpreetgill">https://twitter.com/harpreetgill</a>) or Instagram (<a href="https://www.instagram.com/harpreetgill">https://www.instagram.com/harpreetgill</a>).

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working in partnership with you this year!

Trustee Harpreet Gill

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Ward 1, Etobicoke North

### 2019-20 Information

#### Parent Concern Protocol

Step One 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 Two 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 Three 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 Four 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

#### **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

Phone: 416-397-3000 • Email: GeneralInquiries@TDSB.on.ca

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Your School Superintendent Leila Girdhar-Hill Learning Centre 1 Leila.Girdhar-Hill@tdsb.on.ca

#### PA Days & Holidays

Labour Day, September 2, 2019. Board-wide PA Day, October 11, 2019. Thanksgiving, October14, 2019.

Board-wide PA Day, November 15, 2019.

Board-wide PA Day, December 6, 2019.

Winter Break, December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2019 (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

Know what's happening at the TDSB! toronto.dsb, @tdsb, @torontodsb.on.

Also please note Days of Significance - click for the complete list 2019-2020. You may also find this Days of Significance Resource Guide helpful.

<sup>\*</sup>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.