

LETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

You can expect a School Messenger telephone Pre-registration call in the coming days

As we look ahead to September, we know that school will look quite different as a result of continued efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. We have been planning for our return considering all possibilities ensuring that student and staff well-being and safety is the priority. Under current COVID-19 conditions, schools will open this September with some changes.

Elementary

The Ministry of Education has announced that all elementary schools (Kindergarten to Grade 8) will open with a regular school day model with normal class sizes where students attend school every day.

The TDSB has indicated to the Ministry of Education that class sizes in elementary schools should be lower to improve health and safety in the classroom and that Ministry funding for additional elementary teachers should be provided. Even with additional teachers to lower class sizes it may also require a slightly shortened school day, but this will depend on the level of government funding for additional teachers.

If you choose not to send your child to school for in-person learning in September, a fully remote learning model will be available for your child at home.

Secondary

There will be changes to the secondary school structure.

Secondary schools will open with an “adapted” model, where students attend school every **other** day, but with smaller class sizes of approximately 15 students, with **remote** learning continuing at home the other half of the day including both independent work time and live synchronous teaching.

If you choose not to send your child to school for in-person learning in September, a fully remote learning model will be available for your child at home.

Changing from One Learning Model to Another Learning Model

The Ministry of Education has told us that students may not necessarily be able to move between remote and in-person learning and families should anticipate the possibility to be wait-listed if they change their mind.

The opportunity to switch between remote and in-person learning will depend on availability of an appropriate class placement. For elementary students, ideally this opportunity would occur after progress reports or at the end of each term. For secondary students, this opportunity would occur at the end of each quadmester. However, if a change is required at another time, exceptions may be made on a case by case basis with time built in to transition into a classroom or remote cohort.

Schools need to prepare and plan for each of these models. We are reaching out to our parents/families to indicate your intentions for sending your child to school in September. You will be receiving a **very important *School Messenger telephone call in the coming days that asks you under what conditions will your child be attending school in September.***

How to Prepare for the Important School Messenger Telephone Call

In advance of the School Messenger telephone call, we encourage you to visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey> to see the questions to better prepare you to answer them. Also, on that webpage we are including links that provide the Pre-registration telephone call in 20 different languages to support you if English is not your first language.

Here are some other details you need to know about the Pre-registration process:

- If you have more than one child in Toronto District School Board schools, you will be receiving **one phone call for each of your children**. Therefore, if you have two children in our schools, you will receive **two separate phone calls**. The calls will be identified by the grade they attend.
- You can expect to receive the phone call(s) in the coming days. If our call to you is not answered, we will call you again.
- We only need one response per child. However, if there are two contacts for a child, both will receive the call, but only one contact needs to answer.
- If your child is registered to travel to school on a school bus or wheelchair accessible vehicle, you will receive an additional phone call asking you whether you intend to have your child continue to use bus transportation. Your answer will assist us with our bus route planning. If our call to you is not answered, we will call you again.
- If the attempts to reach you by phone are not successful or you have been unable to respond to our calls, we will follow up with an email which will include a link to an online Pre-registration form. If you have more than one child in Toronto District School Board schools, you will be receiving one email for each of your children. Therefore, if you have two children in our schools, you will receive two separate emails.

**Please note that as these emails are similar in content, they may be directed by your email server to your junk mail folder.*

Before making this decision, you will want to know how the TDSB is preparing our schools to open under COVID-19 conditions including new health and safety measures and precautions that will be in place and how we will be providing transportation services if your child takes a school bus.

The Board has just published [Returning to School: A Guide to the Safe Reopening of the TDSB](#), which provides many details on how we will offer learning, how we will keep schools safe places to be and new health and safety practices that will apply to students, staff and visitors.

You can also learn more about our planning and hear directly from TDSB staff, online on Thursday, August 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. about the safe reopening of schools. This webinar, in partnership with the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee, is one session in a series for parents/guardians to help prepare for back to school. Visit www.tdsb.on.ca/conversation to learn more and to get the access link. A recording of the meeting will be posted following the event.

Thank you for your continued support.

This is an important letter to parents about September. If you require this letter in your own language, please visit our website at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>

Arabic:

هذه رسالة هامة موجهة للأهالي حول شهر سبتمبر / أيلول. إن كنت ترغب في عرض هذه الرسالة بلغتك المفضلة، الرجاء زيارة الموقع الإلكتروني <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>

Bengali:

এটি সেপ্টেম্বরের ব্যাপারে অভিভাবকদের জন্য একটি অত্যন্ত গুরুত্বপূর্ণ চিঠি। এই চিঠিটি যদি আপনি আপনার নিজের ভাষায় পেতে চান, অনুগ্রহ করে আমাদের ওয়েবসাইট <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey> এ যান।

Chinese Simplified:

这封致家长的信函内容关于九月开学事宜，十分重要。如需译本，请浏览 <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>

Chinese Traditional:

這封致家長函是有關九月開學事宜，十分重要。如需譯本，請瀏覽 <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>

Dari:

این نامه مهمی برای والدین درباره ماه سپتمبر میباشد. اگر به این نامه در لسان خود تان نیاز دارید، لطفاً به صفحه انترنتی ما در <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey> اینجا مراجعه کنید:

French:

La présente est une lettre importante aux parents concernant la rentrée scolaire au mois de septembre. Si vous avez besoin de cette lettre dans votre propre langue, veuillez consulter notre site web à l'adresse suivante : <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>.

Greek:

Η παρούσα είναι μια σημαντική επιστολή προς τους γονείς σχετικά με τον Σεπτέμβριο. Εάν επιθυμείτε να λάβετε αυτή την επιστολή στη γλώσσα σας, επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα μας στη διεύθυνση <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>

Gujarati:

માતાપિતા માટે સપ્ટેમ્બર વિશેનો આ અગત્યનો પત્ર છે. જો તમારે આ પત્ર તમારી પોતાની ભાષામાં જોઈતો હોય તો મહેરબાની કરીને અમારી વેબસાઇટ <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey> ની મુલાકાત લો.

Hindi:

यह सितंबर के बारे में माता-पिता के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण चिंता है। यदि आपको यह चिंता अपनी भाषा में चाहिए, तो कृपया हमारी वेबसाइट <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey> पर जाएं

Korean:

다음은 부모님께서 9월에 관해 아셔야 할 중요한 내용이 담긴 편지입니다. 귀하의 모국어로 읽기를 원하시면 <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>를 방문하십시오.

Persian (Farsi):

این یک نامه بسیار مهم برای والدین درباره سپتامبر است. اگر این نامه را به زبان خود لازم دارید، لطفاً به وبسایت ما در آدرس <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey> مراجعه کنید

Portuguese:

Esta é uma carta importante para os pais e responsáveis a respeito de setembro. Se precisar desta carta na sua língua, visite o nosso site: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>

Punjabi:

ਇਹ ਸਤੰਬਰ ਬਾਰੇ ਮਾਤਾ-ਪਿਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਖੱਤਰ ਹੈ। ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਖੱਤਰ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey> ਤੇ ਸਾਡੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਓ।

Russian:

В этом письме содержится важная информация о том, что будет происходить в сентябре. Если вам нужен перевод этого письма на родной язык, посетите наш веб-сайт <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>.

Somali:

Tani waa warqad muhiim ah looguna talagalay waalidiinta kuna saabsan bisha sebteembar. Haddii aad dooneyso inaad warqadaan ku hesho luuqadaada hooyo, fadlan booqo websetkeena oo ah <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>

Spanish:

Esta es una carta importante, dirigida a los padres en relación con el mes de septiembre. Si necesita obtener esta carta en su idioma, visite nuestro sitio web en <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>

Tagalog (Pilipino):

Ito ay isang mahalagang liham sa mga magulang tungkol sa Setyembre. Kung kinakailangan mo ang liham na ito sa iyong sariling wika, mangyaring bisitahin ang aming website sa

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>

Tamil:

இது பெற்றோருக்கான செப்டெம்பர் மாதம் பற்றிய முக்கியமானதொரு கடிதமாகும். இந்தக் கடிதம் உங்களுடைய மொழியில் உங்களுக்குத் தேவைப்பட்டால், தயவுசெய்து எங்களுடைய

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey> என்ற வலைத்தளத்தைப் பார்வையிடுங்கள்.

Turkish:

Ailelere yönelik bu mektup, Eylül ayıyla ilgili önemli bilgiler içermektedir. Bu mektubu kendi dilinizde almak istiyorsanız, lütfen <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey> adresindeki web sitemizi ziyaret edin.

Urdu:

ستمبر کے بارے میں والدین کو یہ ایک ضروری خط ہے۔ اگر آپ کو یہ خط اپنی زبان میں درکار ہے، تو براہ کرم ہماری اس ویب سائٹ پر جائیں <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>

Vietnamese:

Đây là một bức thư quan trọng gửi đến các vị phụ huynh về tháng 9. Nếu quý vị cần đọc thư này bằng ngôn ngữ của mình, vui lòng truy cập trang web của chúng tôi tại <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Pre-Registration-Survey>