

Trustee Update

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HAVE YOUR SAY!

TDSB MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN RENEWAL 2023-2027

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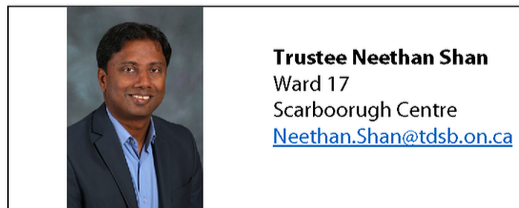
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<https://tinyurl.com/W17-MYSP2023>



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Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) Renewal

For those who are unable to attend the meeting above, the TDSB wants to hear from you! Please consider taking the time to complete the [MYSP online survey](#) and share your thoughts about what the TDSB's priorities should be for 2023-2027. To learn more about how to contribute, please visit: www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal.

Celebrating Good News at the TDSB

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

- [Meet the 2023 Top Scholars!](#)
 - [TDSB Teacher Awarded for Excellence in Environmental Education](#)
 - [Former Westview Centennial graduate excels in post-secondary thanks to Youth Participatory Action Research](#)
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2023-24 School Year Calendar

It's hard to believe the summer break has come and gone! For important dates for the 2023-2024 school year, please visit the [School Year Calendar](#) for a list of important dates.

Phased-in Start for Student Transportation

The [Toronto Student Transportation Group](#) will once again be implementing a phased-in start for student transportation to provide a more consistent service for families and to ensure that students with special education needs are prioritized and receive bus service beginning the first week of school. [Learn more about the phased-in start for student transportation.](#)

Back to School on the TTC

The TTC is an easy and affordable way for TDSB staff and students to travel to and from school and in the fall, TTC increases service to elementary and secondary schools

across the city. [Learn about planning your trip, safety tips and more!](#)

Ventilation in Schools

The TDSB has focused on several areas to improve ventilation in schools and keep students and staff healthy. [Learn more about the ventilation measures underway for the 2023-24 school year.](#)

Managing Heat in Schools and Classrooms

In September, we sometimes still experience very warm days. [Learn more about how schools and staff take action to manage the heat](#) and keep the temperature in classrooms as comfortable as possible.

Anaphylaxis - Taking the Necessary Precautions

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that can be life threatening. This medical condition can cause a severe reaction to specific foods or other materials and can result in death within minutes. Although foods such as peanuts, milk, eggs, and sesame seeds are the most common cause of anaphylaxis, insect stings, medicine, or latex can also cause a reaction.

If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher or office staff as soon as possible so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken and to ensure everyone's co-operation for a safe learning environment.

Pedestrian Safety Tips

As we enter a new school year, I want to share a reminder about pedestrian safety tips. I encourage you to teach your children the rules of the road - starting when they're young. Think of it as gradually training your children about safety until all the connections are in place. By the time your child reaches age ten, and can act independently, the road safety rules will be second nature. Children under ten should be accompanied by adults or older children when crossing the street. At this age, their judgment and perceptual skills are still immature, yet they often eagerly try to cross streets on their own in order to demonstrate some independence. Learn more by visiting the City's [Vision Zero Road Safety Plan webpage](#).

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day 2023

Saturday, September 30 marks the 10th anniversary of Orange Shirt Day and the third annual National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. The TDSB will be honouring this day, on Friday, September 29. [Truth and Reconciliation Week will take place September 25-30](#). Visit the [Urban Indigenous Education website](#) for more information about events happening across the TDSB.

Continuing Education Programming

Did you know the TDSB offers Continuing Education Programming in our communities? Explore learning opportunities available for children, families, adults and visitors at the TDSB this fall:

- [Learn4Life General Interest - Adults 18+ and Seniors](#)
 - [Secondary Credit \(Night School and Saturday International Languages](#)
 - [International Languages Elementary and African Heritage](#)
 - [Adult ESL](#)
 - [Adult International Programs](#)
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TDSB Backpacks & School Supplies Drive

We know that backpacks and school supplies can be expensive and represent a difficult purchase for some students and families. I encourage you to participate in [TDSB's Backpack & School Supplies Drive](#). The drive will run until the end of September. We are accepting donations of new products, including backpacks (gender neutral coloured with no commercial logos preferred), lunch bags, crayons, calculators, notebooks and basic school supplies. If you are interested in supporting this great cause for TDSB students, please complete an [online donation form](#). For more information contact BusinessDevelopment@tdsb.on.ca.

Mark Your Calendar: Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference

I encourage you to join us for the Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference on October 21 and 22, 2023. This year's conference is focussed on Joy in the Journey of Learning and will be a weekend full of presentations. Visit www.parentsaspartners.ca for more information.

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 <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns>.




Upcoming Meetings

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 For a list of upcoming meetings, please click on the [calendar](#) on the main webpage of www.tdsb.on.ca.

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