

# Trustee Update

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## Welcome to 2023

Happy new year to everyone in 2023, and a happy lunar new year to everyone who celebrates. As we kick off yet another new year, I do hope that it will be a very good one for everybody. A weeks ago, I have sent out a note to all the principals in our community to begin planning some school council visits so we can have an opportunity to meet and chat live. It is my hope that I will be able to visit the council of all 28 schools if possible before the end of the school year. I very much look forward to our meeting!

**James**

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Update: Program Area Review Impacting Woodbine MS, Crestview PS, Bayview MS, Avondale PS

A process has begun to review school boundaries and programing locations to address changes required at four schools (three in Ward 13) due to growing density within the North York Community. To complete this process, a Program Area Review Team (PART) including TDSB Staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, and Trustees will be formed for provide feedback on the proposed options and discuss alternatives.

[Additional Information](#)

### Upcoming Meetings

Topic: Information and Public Discussion on the Program Area Review

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Where: Virtual Zoom Meeting

[Register Here](#)

Questions? please contact Zdenka Sucevic through email at [zdenka.sucevic@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:zdenka.sucevic@tdsb.on.ca) or call 416-394-7526

### Links to Additional Information

[What is a Program Area Review?](#)

[Official Community Notice Letter](#)



### Tutoring Supports for Students

The Ministry of Education is funding tutoring programs for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 with a focus on Math, Literacy, and foundational learning skills.

Free school-based tutoring, system-based tutoring, and community-based tutoring is available to students as they continue to develop and learn concepts and skills that may have been disrupted in recent years, particularly due to COVID-19.

The TDSB will continue offering tutoring that reflects student needs and prioritizes underserved communities. For more information and our [Tutoring Update](#), please visit [Tutoring Supports for Students](#).

### Middle French Immersion Application Process *[Applications Closing Soon]*

The entry point to the Middle French Immersion program for September 2023 is Grade 4. The online application process for Middle French Immersion will take place between January 9 and February 3, 2023. An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. Families with an older sibling currently enrolled in a French program and who will be in attendance next year are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Please select the “sibling option” within the online application.

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[Immersion](#), [Virtual & In-Person Information Sessions](#) or the [Application Process](#).

## **Out-of-Area Admissions**

TDSB students can attend a school which is designated to serve their residential address but also have the opportunity to access schools outside of their area by applying for [Out-of-Area Admissions](#). Acceptance at these schools is subject to space availability and program suitability. As of January 9, 2023, the online application is now open. Please refer to the [elementary](#) and [secondary](#) Out-of-Area Admissions webpages for more information.

## **Elementary Alternative Schools Online Application**

The TDSB offers a wide range of [elementary alternative schools](#) available to students. I encourage you to research schools and programs to learn about the educational philosophy and distinct pedagogy. Students may apply for up to two elementary alternative schools.

The online application for admission for September 2023 will be open from Monday, January 16 at 4 p.m. to Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 4 p.m.

To learn more about the application process, a [video](#) is also available to provide additional information.

## **Secondary Exams and Course Culminating Activities**

As secondary schools approach the end of semester one, all our secondary students will have end-of-semester activities in each course, known as culminating activities, which are worth 30% of the final mark and can include presentations, assignments, and exams.

For more information, please visit the [Exams and Course Culminating Activities Fact Sheet](#) webpage.

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# TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH

## January 2023



Sangari, Grade 10, School, Agincourt Collegiate Institute

*Community. Belonging. Joy*  
சமூகம் சார்ந்த சந்தோசம்

Tamil Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of January at the Toronto District School Board. This year's theme is: Community. Belonging. Joy - சமூகம் சார்ந்த சந்தோசம். This theme was selected intentionally to align with one of the TDSB's priorities - Joy, Engagement and Belonging. To learn more about Tamil Heritage Month [click here](#).

**Lunar New Year Celebrations**

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It is my pleasure to host, this year, along with the Happy Time Community Association a celebration of the 2023 Lunar New Year on February 4, 2023 from 1PM to 4PM at A. Y. Jackson Secondary School. Happy Time, which is also celebrating its 10th anniversary, is a community organization here in Don Valley North focused on hosting events and activities for elders in the community and also providing volunteering opportunities for our youth. The organizers at Happy Time have put together a series of fantastic performances and everyone is invited to attend.



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