

# Trustee Update

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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:

- [TDSB Grad Wins National Your Voice is Power Competition](#)
- [TDSB Students Ask Orange Shirt Day founder Phyllis Webstad questions](#)

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## Register Now! Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference

You are invited to join us for the Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference on **October 21 and 22, 2023**. This year's conference is focused on *Joy in the Journey of Learning* and will be a weekend full of presentations. Visit [www.parentsaspartners.ca](http://www.parentsaspartners.ca) for more information and to register to attend.

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## Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) Renewal

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](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal).

**Join our Ward Forum on Thursday October 19, 2023, Time 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM via ZOOM**

All members of the TDSB school community are invited to Have Your Say! Please [REGISTER HERE](#) to let us know you will be attending and if you require any accommodation to participate in this discussion.

**[Download and Print the Flyer \(PDF\)](#)**



## Trustee James Li

Ward 13, Don Valley North

Trustee James Li invites you to a virtual Ward Forum to provide your input into the TDSB's renewed Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

### TDSB is Renewing its Multi-Year Strategic Plan



All members of the TDSB school community are invited to ***Have Your Say!*** We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities to contribute to the conversation.

Learn more at: [www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSRenewal](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSRenewal)

**Thursday, October 19, 2023, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM via ZOOM**

Please **[REGISTER HERE](#)** to let us know you will be attending and if you require any accommodation to participate in this discussion. Please note, this meeting is specifically only for parents/guardians and caregivers in TDSB Wards 13. There will be additional meetings held by the other wards. Thank you!



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## Early French Immersion (Junior Kindergarten Entry) Application Deadline

If your family is interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Immersion Program, we are pleased to offer an online process to apply for Early French Immersion (which begins in Junior Kindergarten). To apply to the Early French Immersion Program for September 2024, please complete the online applications between **November 6 and December 1, 2023**. Families with an older sibling currently in an Early French Immersion program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. For more information, please visit: [Early French Immersion](#) or the [Application Process](#).

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## Professional Activity (PA) Days Update

As you know, during the school year, school staff participate in a number of Professional Activity (PA) Days. Starting this school year, boards of education are now required to publicly share detailed information about PA Days, as outlined in [Policy and Program Memorandum \(PPM\) 151](#). Please note, all information and details will be posted to [www.tdsb.on.ca/PAdays](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/PAdays) at least 14 days in advance of the scheduled PA Day.

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## Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) Conference

I am happy to inform you that the second annual Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) Conference: Creating Possibilities for Black Students in K-12 Education and Leadership is taking place Saturday, October 28th at York University. Join us for 16 exciting research presentations that focus on themes such as Black student experiences in K-12 education; transforming student learning and more! For more information and to RSVP, [please view our RSVP Form](#) and [our flyer](#).

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## TDSB Recognizes National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

We commemorate National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls October 4. Each year, the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) holds a Sisters in Spirit Vigil to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. [To learn more about this year's Sisters in Spirit Vigil, visit their website.](#)

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## Islamic Heritage Month at the TDSB

The TDSB proudly recognizes Islamic Heritage Month (IHM) during the month of October. This year's theme is ***Salaam: Joy, Excellence, Belonging***. We are thrilled to offer several educational opportunities that are being organized for all TDSB students to further learn about Islamic traditions and customs. To learn more about Islamic Heritage Month and how you can get involved please [visit the Islamic Heritage Month webpage](#).

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## Somali Heritage Month at the TDSB

We are proud to recognize Somali Heritage Month during the month of October. This year the committee is continuing to expand on the selected theme **Educate. Elevate. Excel.** Several educational opportunities are being organized for all TDSB students to further learn about Somali traditions and customs. To learn more, [visit the Somali Heritage Month webpage.](#)

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## 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).

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## Upcoming Meetings

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. For a list of upcoming meetings, please click on the [calendar](#) at [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca).

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## 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.

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- [Instagram @Torontodsb](#)
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