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#THE NEW NORMAL

BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN

Although the Return to School Plan has experienced frequent changes, PIAC is trying our best to connect parents with information.

The most up to date information from the Board is on a special web section dedicated to Returning to School: www.tdsb.on.ca/Return-to-School.

School re-opening health & safety checklist and more here: <https://bit.ly/3gEl22k>

WARD FORUMS

There are various public meetings organized by the Board, Trustees, and others. PIAC keeps a complete list of these Ward Forums and other Engagement events both in our PIAC calendar on www.torontopiac.com and on our PIAC Facebook page, at: www.facebook.com/PIACToronto

Please note that you typically do not have to live in the Ward that is hosting the online forum to register, to join in the meetings, and to ask questions.

WEBINARS

The TDSB's Parent & Community Engagement Office (PCEO) and the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) have co-hosted several family resource webinars, including:

- Fathering/Grandfathering/Caregiving in a Heightened Racialized Environment
- Talking Race with Your Children
- Supporting Mental Health & Well-Being during the Transition Back to Learning

These webinars and more are archived and can be found at: www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conversations-Series

FUNDRAISING

Many parents are already considering their fundraising objectives for this year. Councils are still bound by the provincial and board rules on what funds can be used for. There are going to be restrictions on certain COVID related items, so, as usual, councils must create their transparent Fundraising Plan with their Principals before embarking on anything. Additional guidelines on School Council fundraising will be provided by the board in the coming weeks. Check out PIAC's webpage, for more information: <http://torontopiac.com/funds-and-fundraising.html>

Got questions about how School Councils work?

Check out our School Council Toolkit:

<http://bit.ly/SchoolCouncilToolkit>

SCHOOL COUNCIL MATTERS

With the main focus on school re-opening plans, we are awaiting direction from the board regarding the functioning of School Councils - including elections, school committees, communication, community support, and fundraising.

- **Zoom for School Councils**

To facilitate the operation of School Councils, the PCEO (Parent & Community Engagement Office) has secured Zoom accounts for every School Council to use. Councils will access this through their TDSB School Council email accounts. Protocols are expected soon.

- **School Messenger for School Councils**

School Messenger is a web-based communication tool that enables the School Council Chair(s) to send one-way communications to the parents/guardians of their school community using the same data base that principals use to broadcast to the school community. Council Chairs have access to School Messenger through their TDSB School Council email account. This launches in September. More information to come.

- **TDSB School Council Email Accounts**

The school Principal activates the TDSB School Council email account. You can use this account even if your Council has an established external email. (You can forward messages from the TDSB account to any existing email.) <http://bit.ly/CreatingTDSB-SCaccounts>

REMOTE LEARNING TOOLS



Google Classroom & Brightspace

Students using Remote Learning this year will be using either Brightspace and/or Google Classroom. The TDSB has produced 2 training videos for families on how the digital platforms work.

- **Brightspace Learning Platform:** [Introduction for Brightspace for TDSB Families](#)
- **Google Classroom:** [Introduction to Google Classroom for TDSB Families](#)

#HAVEYOURSAY: TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2020/2021

TDSB Policy reviews are currently on hold.

For the full TDSB policy review cycle:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/aboutus/docs/Policy-Review-Schedule-updated-June-2-2020.pdf>



BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER!

Do you have passion for supporting parents as partners in education?

The following vacancies are available on PIAC:

- Ward 1 (Trustee Gill) - 1 position
- Ward 10 (Trustee Moise) - 1 position
- Ward 12 (Trustee Brown) - 1 position
- Ward 21 (Trustee Rajakulasingam) - 2 positions

Ward elections will be held virtually.

Contact your Trustee or info@torontopiac.com

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