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#RECOGNIZE

TDSB CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR BLACK STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



The first of its kind in public education in Canada, the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement launched June 1. It is one of TDSB's responses to dismantle anti-Black racism within the school board and improve both experiences and outcomes for Black students.

Student data has shown that there are gaps that affect Black students and makes it clear that a system wide approach is needed to challenge and change outcomes. The Centre aims to improve conditions for learning that support Black students well-being and increase engagement of the parents and families of Black students.

To find out more, go to: www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Equity/Black-Student-Excellence

UNSPENT SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDS

Did you know that a surprising amount of council funds have still not been used?

School Councils are issued government funds annually to operate and to promote Parent Engagement.

Depending on the size of your school, that's \$800 to \$1500! Many schools have still not spent their annual allotments. This money does NOT carry over to next year. **School Council funds must be spent by June 30.**

There's still time! Talk to your Principal about how your School Council can use this money to benefit your school community. Consider these ideas:

- Translations
- Parent resource library
- Parent or Volunteer handbooks
- Draw prizes for returned parent surveys/forms
- Website costs
- School Council promotional materials: postcards, flyers, t-shirts, hats, name-tags, water bottles, pins, mugs



City of Toronto Mental Health Resources
It's Okay not to Feel Okay

BREAKING BARRIERS SESSION WINNERS

Thanks to everyone who joined us for "Breaking Barriers by Changing Biases" in May. Six lucky schools that attended won our door prize, a free Reggaeise Virtual Workout Session. Thirty individuals also won \$50 Indigo gift cards for registering!

Congratulations to the winning schools:

Humewood Community School
Victoria Village Public School
McMurrich Junior Public School

North Toronto Collegiate Institute
Warren Park Public School
Oakridge Junior Public School

The event recording will be posted on our [Conference page](#).

Let's Connect
ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

First session:

Transition to Summer

June 22, 2021, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

[Details and access info here](#)

Let's Connect is a new TDSB mental health and well-being virtual series that allows us to come together to share ideas and resources. This series will respond to questions and discuss wellness for parents, caregivers, guardians and students. A variety of Breakout Room options will also be available! These conversations will be led by our TDSB Professional Support Services staff and Mental Health and Well-Being Leads.

#HAVEYOURSAY TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2020/2021

TDSB Budget Town Halls

The TDSB is holding two virtual Budget Town Halls to ensure that all members of the community, including parents/guardians, have the opportunity to hear directly from staff about the 2021-22 budget, ask questions and share feedback.

The virtual sessions will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at [11 a.m.](#) and [7 p.m.](#) (To join, click the time you prefer.)

Learn more about the virtual [Budget Town Halls](#).

TDSB Policy Review Schedule

TDSB 2021-22 School Calendar Approved

The Ministry of Education has approved the TDSB's 2021-2022 School Year Calendar. The first day of classes for students will be September 9, 2021.

See the [full calendar](#), including PA days and holidays,

ACCESSING YOUR BELONGINGS LEFT AT SCHOOL

With students not returning to school buildings for the remainder of this year, TDSB schools will be communicating how to collect personal belongings and drop off books.

You may begin returning TDSB devices to schools anytime after June 14. Devices can be kept until the end of the school year, or until September if they are required for summer school.


Additional information about returning devices can be found [here](#).

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