

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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#LOOKING FORWARD

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

What does our School Council do now?

With the uncertain future, many councils are wondering what to do. The answer is as simple as looking to the School Council mandate. O. Reg. 612 lays out the purpose of School Councils as improving student achievement and enhancing the education system to parents.

Whatever the times, School Councils can keep families in the loop with their children's education. Your School Council can help families navigate school in the coming year.

Think ahead:

- Plan a Back to School information session with your Principal to update families
- Form an Election Committee to navigate potential changes to the SC election process
- Organize a Budget sub-committee to prepare updates to your Fundraising Plan



SUPPORTING YOUR FAMILIES

Hosting a Virtual Get-Together

Checking in with your school community is a valuable way to support your families at this time.

Some schools may have families struggling with the many issues COVID-19, Social Isolation, and Food Security may present. Consider holding an online Meet-n-Greet to touch base with your families.

**TIP: Try one of these virtual meeting tools:
Zoom, GoogleMeet, WhatsApp, WebEx**



SCHOOL COUNCIL BUDGET

What do we do with the Money?

As a result of school closures, you may carry council funds over to next year. Re-allocating money raised by fundraising contravenes the laws around fundraising, as money must be used for the purpose it was raised. In these extreme circumstances, you may need to vote to update your Fundraising Plan if you need to move funds to another use.

School CashOnline purchases for cancelled events can be refunded through CashOnline by school administrators.

**Coming soon - PIAC Supporting School Councils Webinar:
Best Practices for Holding an Online Meeting or Event**

<http://torontopiac.com/index.html>

ACCESSING YOUR BELONGINGS LEFT AT SCHOOL

The TDSB has been directed to develop an access protocol that would enable students and parents/families to retrieve belongings in a manner that is safe for everyone during the month of June.



TDSB Summer School

Elementary Summer School

Elementary summer programs are tailored to increase engagement and build self-confidence in students. Summer school program focus is to close the achievement and well-being gap and help build literacy and numeracy skills in students from Grade 3 to 8. July 6 to July 31

For details on Elementary Summer School:
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Elementary-Summer-School>

Remote Credit Recovery

The Continuing Education Dept. is offering a Remote Credit Recovery Summer School Program for TDSB secondary students from July 6 to July 31.

Hybrid Remote Summer Credit Program

The Continuing Education Dept. is offering a Hybrid Remote Summer Credit Program for TDSB secondary school students from July 6 to July 31. This program replaces the in-class summer school program which has operated in previous years.

Registration Opens: May 25 at 10:00 a.m.
Registration Closes: June 26 at 12:00 noon

For details on Secondary Summer School:
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Night-School-and-Summer-School/Summer-School>

#HAVEYOURSAY: TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2019/2020

Secondary Program Review, Optional Attendance Policy & Specialized Schools Policy

Improving access to stronger programs & richer opportunities for secondary students is a priority in this policy. Read the Secondary Program Review's Interim Report:

<https://bit.ly/3czFHDC>

For the full TDSB policy review cycle:
<http://bit.ly/2M9A8Rd>

PA Days and Exam Days

The Ministry of Education has directed school boards that all remaining professional activity days and examination days for the current school year (2019-2020) are to be used for instruction. This is to maximize instructional time for students during this unprecedented time. As a result, amendments have been made to RRO 1990, Regulation 304 (School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days) under the Education Act.

TDSB School Year Calendar:
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar>



BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER!

PIAC Working Groups – everyone welcome!

Looking for a meaningful way to support families? PIAC's Working Groups are sub-committees where the magic happens. Many PIAC Working Groups are open to all parents of the TDSB. There is a variety of areas & commitment to choose from and you may participate in person & virtually.

Check out the list using our sign-up form:
<https://bit.ly/32oxXiP>

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