

# PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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## #COMMUNICATION

### COMMUNICATION TOOLS

School Councils can use a variety of methods to reach out to their families. The TDSB aspires to provide technology tools to support School Councils.

#### **TDSB School Council Email Accounts**

The TDSB has established transferable School Council email accounts for School Council Chair(s).

This email can be activated at any time by your Principal and is re-activated annually with a new password, allowing for your address to pass seamlessly from one Chair to the next. You should use this account even if your council has an established external email. (You can forward messages from the TDSB account to any existing email.)

Among other things, the TDSB email account enables the council Chair(s) to receive valuable School Council-related information from the Board and PIAC, and also gives you access to posted grant opportunities.

#### **School Council Messenger**

School Messenger is a web-based communication tool that will provide the ability for the School Council Chair(s) to communicate with the parents/guardians of their school community similar to the way school Principals broadcast to their communities today.

More information is coming soon!

## POSTPONED

### **TDSB ANNUAL PARENTS AS PARTNERS CONFERENCE**

After consulting with various stakeholders and partners, the TDSB has decided to postpone this conference until Fall 2020. The current labour context has made it difficult to ensure that the conference will maintain the breadth of options and offer participants a similar experience to previous years.

Also, concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19) may negatively impact attendance.

The planning team is committed to hosting another comprehensive and rewarding conference in Fall 2020!

Parents as Partners

<https://www.parentsaspartners.ca/>

**Looking for Mental Health & Well-Being Resources?**

<http://bit.ly/2JmFhos>

## #HAVEYOURSAY: TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2019/2020

### P023, Parent and Community Involvement Policy

#### SHARE YOUR VOICE

Your voice will help develop and draft this policy in a way that is meaningful, relevant and valuable to the parent community.

This is a full policy rewrite. Active consultations are happening now. You can participate in live sessions or take the consultation survey. Ward session are currently being held across the city.

#### For all Policy and Consultations information, and the survey link:

[www.tdsbengage.ca](http://www.tdsbengage.ca)

#### Check the PIAC calendar for ward locations and dates:

[www.torontopiac.com](http://www.torontopiac.com)

## SCHOOL BELL TIMES CHANGE FOR SOME ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

### Changes to Start & End Times

Effective September 2020, the TDSB will be changing school start and end times at 129 elementary school across the city. By staggering the start and end times of these schools, the board is able to plan bus routes more efficiently. It will be better for students by ensuring that:

- Students get to school on time; and
- Reduce the number of buses used for transporting students.

For the list of changes, Q&A, and for more information, go to:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Kindergarten/Transportation/School-Start-and-End-Times>

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### Secondary Specialized Schools & Programs Review

The board is reviewing all Secondary programs in order to better distribute Secondary program and school opportunities across the city.

As part of the Secondary Program Review, the board is making updates to current policies and procedures, including the addition of a new policy – the Specialized Schools & Programs policy – which will allow more clarity with the admission procedures, practices and timelines. Together, this new policy and review will help students have access to these programs.

Watch the Specialized Schools & Programs Policy video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2mTJHUTI0A>

For the full TDSB policy review cycle:  
<http://bit.ly/2WU3WZG>

## 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 to choose from and you may participate in person & virtually.

Check out the list using our sign-up form:

<https://bit.ly/32oxXiP>