

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

APRIL 2024

#SPRING@SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDS

Only 3 months left to spend your School Council's annual funds.



School Councils are issued government funds annually to operate and to promote Parent Engagement. TDSB School Councils receive \$500 (Parent Engagement) + \$1.25 per student (council administration) from the Ministry of Education, through the TDSB. **The spending of these funds is a School Council decision.**

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! Bring the conversation to your School Council about how you can use this money to benefit your school community.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN REVIEW

Spring SIP Review – Reflect & Communicate

As the year moves into its final months, it is time to review your school's School Improvement Plan (SIP). Measure if the work you have done over the year had the intended impact and led to better student outcomes.

Schedule your school SIP team at your next School Council meeting to discuss the results of this year's improvement process. Share this information with your school community to make learning visible and to build transparency in the learning process.



COPING WITH STRESS

Resources to Help with Year-End Stress

The end of the school year can be a stressful time for students. Try some of the many well-being [resources TDSB has compiled](#) for families, including [culturally responsive resources](#).

Your School Council may want to host some wellness events for students or share resources with your families:

[Mindfulness Practice](#) (connected & aware)

[Breathing Exercises](#) (check-in & calm)

[Grounding Exercises](#) (developed with high school students)

[Book a Therapy Dog](#) (6-8 weeks in advance)



Connect with a [Community Hub](#) in your neighbourhood, featuring a mix of Mental Health programs, services and community spaces.



TDSB Climate Action Plan

With 53 actions, this is the TDSB's most ambitious climate action plan to date. For more information, visit the [Climate Action website](#)

EQAO Assessments

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Students will be writing EQAO tests this Spring between May & June. These provincial assessments are written by Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 students for reading, writing & math, and by Gr. 9/10 students for math, and literacy (OSSLT). High School EQAO assessments are a graduation requirement.

Watch these short videos for a detailed explanation of the testing:

[Elementary EQAO testing](#)

[Grade 9 Math testing](#)

[Ontario SS Literacy Test](#)

You can find opportunities to attend information webinars on the [EQAO Outreach page](#).



BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER!

The following [vacancies](#) are open on PIAC. Contact [PIAC](#) or your [trustee](#) about elections.

Ward 1 (Trustee Hastings) - 1 position
Ward 3 (Trustee Nunziata) - 2 positions
Ward 5 (Trustee Lulka Rotman) - 2 positions
Ward 14 (Trustee Rajwani) - 1 position
Ward 18 (Trustee Ghous) - 1 position
Ward 21 (Trustee Rajakulasingam) - 1 position

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