

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2024

#PARENT VOICE

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

New Tools for Parent Engagement in the SIP

O. Reg 613 from the Ministry of Education, requires Principals to seek input from School Councils in crafting and executing the School Improvement Process (SIP). Collaborating with their Principal, School Councils can devise efficient approaches to:

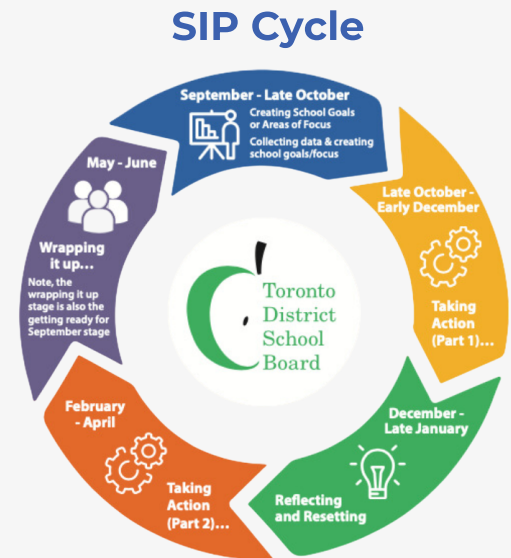
- Gather input from parents/caregivers and;
- incorporate this feedback into the SIP procedure.

At the TDSB, the SIP must align with the goals and values of the Multi-year Strategic Plan (MYSP). SIP goals follow 4 themes grounded in Equity and Truth & Reconciliation:

Belonging, Thriving, Achieving and Revitalization

The new tools to help schools support parent/caregiver input in the School Improvement Plan include:

- SIP Brochure
- Holding an Information Night
- Forming a SIP committee
- Hosting Listening Circles
- Running Open forums



Save the Date

PIAC | READY • SET • ENGAGE

This event brings together School Councils & Principals to collaborate towards enhanced Council relationships for strong & effective Leadership Teams.

Watch for your invitation to our event!

School Councils & Principals:
Stronger Together

PIAC's 18th Annual Conference

Saturday, February 1, 2025, Woburn CI

TDSB Special Education Department Family Sessions
Drop-In Q & A with Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy Staff
Virtual monthly drop-ins!

PIAC - ADVOCATING FOR YOU

Transparency of School Funds

Access to school financial information is inconsistently reported to School Councils and parents/caregivers. To support better accountability, PIAC passed a [motion recommending that the Board improve transparency and reporting](#) around 5 specific areas involving School Generated Funds (fundraised money) and school budgets.

- Clarification of School Generated Funds
- School reporting of School Generated funds
- Principal consultation with School Council on the school's budget (Reg. 612)
- Model Schools & Nutrition funding
- School staff financial training to support School Councils



TDSB senior staff responded to our recommendation with a [point by point presentation](#), outlining the definitions, processes and expectations of school staff and School Councils around financial accountability.

#HAVEYOURSAY TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2024/2025

Policy development and reviews follow the policy review schedule approved by the Board of Trustees and is revised on a regular basis.

[TDSB Policy Review Schedule](#)

Ontario Government 2025-26 Pre-Budget Consultation

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs will be conducting Pre-Budget Consultations. Toronto public hearings are scheduled on Wed. Jan. 29, 2025. To be considered to make an oral presentation to the Committee, register by Jan. 17/25, 5pm. Written submissions are due by Feb. 5/25, 7pm

To register or send a written submission, please visit ola.org/en/apply-committees.



BECOME A PIAC VOLUNTEER!

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

Ward 5 (Trustee Lulka Rotman) - 2 positions
Ward 7 (Trustee King) - 1 position
Ward 13 (Trustee Li) - 1 position
Ward 15 (Trustee Ehrhardt) - 1 position
Ward 17 (Trustee Shan) - 1 position
Ward 21 (Trustee Rajakulasingam) - 1 position

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