

PIAC POST

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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#BUILDING COMMUNITY

SCHOOL COUNCIL PROMOTION

Boosting your Council Profile



How do we attract more parents to our School Council?
If you're struggling to get parents interested in your school's Council, consider your approach.

Parents engage when it's meaningful to them. Position your council as a place that works on the things that matter to your families. Focussing on student success is a great way to do that. Find out what your families need and help families support their students.

Connect with your parent/caregiver community at every opportunity: Open House, Music Night, Interview days... Set up at table, make a speech, collect parent information, spread the word about what your council does to support student achievement.

For more tips, go to our [School Council Engagement](#) page.

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READY•SET•ENGAGE

**PIAC Ready. Set. Engage.
School Councils & Principals:
Stronger Together**

Thanks to everyone who
attended PIAC's 18th Annual
Conference!

**Workshop slides are on our
[conference page](#).**

NEW TRANSITIONS WEBSITE FOR FAMILIES



The [TDSB Transition Support website](#) for families is a new resource designed to assist families (and educators) in navigating key transitions throughout a student's educational journey, from Kindergarten to Post-21.

Whether transitioning to a new grade, moving to a different school, or preparing for life beyond secondary education, the website provides practical resources and guidance to help families plan effectively and make informed decisions.



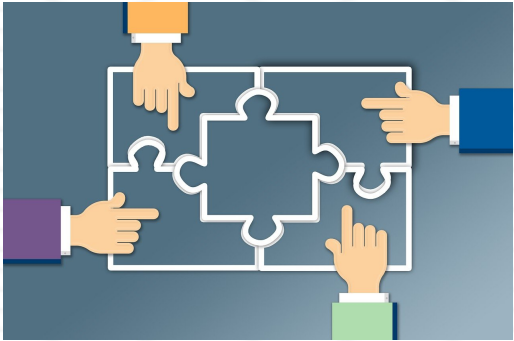
**School Mental Health
Ontario By Your Side**

Parent/caregiver resources to
support mental health learning
and well-being for every family

New parent resource from School Mental Health Ontario!

PIAC - ADVOCATING FOR YOU

Principal Accountability to School Councils



More about the Role of the Principal in PIAC's School Council Toolkit.

The Principal is your partner in the School Council. Their duties to School Councils are laid out in the Ontario Education Act: [O. Reg. 298](#) & [O. Reg. 613](#), and [O. Reg. 612](#). The TDSB also requires Principals to include parents in several additional ways.

Building a culture of collaboration between the Principal and the School Council can sometimes be challenging. PIAC has been working directly with senior staff to support this relationship by improving awareness and accountability of the principal's role on School Council.

In 2019, TDSB began sharing PIAC's [School Council quick guides](#) with principals as helpful reminders of their role with School Councils. In the past 2 years, PIAC has worked directly with senior staff to bring attention to the need for better principal training and accountability. This has resulted in board procedure [PR558](#) (describes the ways that schools operate School Councils) training being included on the staff Institutional Accountability Checklist going forward.

PIAC continues to pursue ways to address the accountability of the education system to parents, caregivers, and School Councils.

#HAVEYOURSAY TDSB CONSULTATIONS 2024/2025

Learn more about public consultation opportunities on our [Policy Consultations page](#).

Dealing with Abuse and Neglect of Students (P045)

This [draft Policy](#) supports school communities about their Duty to Report, incidents of suspected, witnessed, and/or disclosed neglect and abuse of children.

Send your questions related to the review and consultation to mentalhealthandwellbeing@tdsb.on.ca.

Consultation closes February 24, 2025

Learning Opportunities Index (P067)

This policy supports equitable allocation of resources to schools and provides direction to staff regarding the use of the Learning Opportunities Index (LOI).

Read the [draft policy](#) and complete the [feedback survey](#).

Consultation closes March 24, 2025

[TDSB Policy Review Schedule](#)



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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