

# Trustee Update

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**April 2025**

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## **Sikh Heritage Month - April 2025**

Since 2016, the TDSB has proudly recognized Sikh Heritage Month every April, becoming the first school board in Canada to do so. The 2025 theme is *Ekta (Oneness), Solidarity, and Resilience*. Guru Nanak's teachings on justice, equality, and community inspire various educational offerings for students and staff. These principles challenge discrimination, combat bullying, and promote inclusivity. [Read the full Sikh Heritage Month message](#) to learn about the podcast series, educational video, & virtual celebration for the TDSB community on April 3.

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## **Learning Opportunities Index Policy Consultation Ends April 4**

The Learning Opportunities Index (LOI) Policy, which affirms the TDSB's commitment to equitable academic opportunities, is currently being reviewed. Students, staff, and families can share thoughts [through this form](#). The deadline to provide feedback is April 4, 2025.

As part of the LOI Policy Review, Trustees and Research and Development staff have hosted public consultation sessions across the city. The final meeting is a hybrid event, with the in-person option at 5050 Yonge Street. The session takes place April 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please [use the RSVP form](#) to confirm your attendance.

More information about the LOI Policy Consultation and public sessions can be found on the [Policy Consultations webpage](#).

## **Nominations for 2025 TDSB Excellence Awards Close April 4**

The clock is ticking! Nominations for the [2025 TDSB Excellence Awards](#) are closing soon. These awards recognize the outstanding efforts of TDSB staff who go above and beyond for students, colleagues, and the broader community. We encourage nominations from students, staff, families, and community members before the deadline on Friday, April 4 at 5 p.m.

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## **Latin x/o/a Community Consultation – April 26**

The TDSB wants to hear from you about how to improve the academic achievement of students from the Latin America diaspora. This consultation session takes place April 26, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CW Jeffreys Collegiate Institute.

Please [click here to register](#) for the event. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact [PCEO@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:PCEO@tdsb.on.ca). Lunch and childcare will be provided, and interpretation services will be available for those who speak Spanish.

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## **Pride Month T-Shirt Design Contest**

Pride Month 2025 is just around the corner, and we are excited to announce the Pride Month T-Shirt Design Contest! The TDSB Pride Planning Committee is seeking unique student-created designs that celebrate 2SLGBTQ+ Pride across the TDSB community. The winning design will be featured on hundreds of TDSB Pride 2025 T-shirts, proudly worn by all members of the TDSB contingent during the Pride Parade on June 29.

The contest is open to all TDSB students, with a submission deadline of April 11 at 11:59 p.m. Designs can be hand-drawn or digital, grayscale or multi-coloured, and must incorporate the TDSB logo or leave space for it. Designs should reflect Pride Month and 2SLGBTQ+ inclusivity, demonstrating creativity and uniqueness. All submissions may be shared publicly.

Submit your designs here: [Pride T-shirt Design Contest 2025](#)

For contest questions, contact the TDSB Pride team here:

[TDSBPride@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:TDSBPride@tdsb.on.ca)

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## **Elementary Summer School 2025**

Summer is just around the corner, and so is the 2025 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program. It offers students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 the opportunity to continue learning over the summer. In-person programs will run from July 2 to July 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at various locations across the city. For students in grades 6 to 8, we also offer a remote learning option to ensure flexibility and accessibility for all families.

We encourage you to [visit our Elementary Summer School page](#) for more information and to register. Do not miss out on this fantastic opportunity to keep your child's learning momentum going strong throughout the summer!

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## **Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) News**

Stay connected with the latest news, updates, and resources from the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)! [PIAC's monthly newsletter](#) provides valuable information to help parents and guardians stay informed and engaged with the TDSB community.

PIAC's mission is to support, encourage, and enhance parent engagement to improve student achievement and well-being. The group consists of volunteer parent representatives from each of the Board's 22 wards, a Trustee representative, the Director of Education (or designate), and representatives from several Community Liaison Groups.

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## **Welcome Stacey Cline as Ward 11 Trustee**

The Board of Trustees [recently welcomed Stacey Cline](#) as the new public school Trustee for Don Valley West. Trustee Cline took office on March 18 following the Ward 11 by-election. With experiences as an elementary teacher and school volunteer, she brings a wealth of knowledge and deep commitment to education.

Trustees are excited to have Trustee Cline join us in our mission to support student achievement and well-being! I look forward to working with Stacey and all Trustees as we continue to enhance educational experiences for every TDSB student.

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**FROM LAST MONTH**

## **Register for Kindergarten Today!**

Register for English Kindergarten programs today! Children who will be four by December 31, 2025, are eligible to start Junior Kindergarten in September 2025. We cannot wait to welcome these young learners to TDSB schools.

Families can register their child online at [tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](https://tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten) or in person at the school. Remember, even if you register online, you will need to validate your registration information in person at the school. Visit the [Kindergarten at the TDSB](#), [Before- and After-School Programs](#) and [Extended Day Programs](#) webpages for more information.

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## **ONGOING REMINDERS**

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### **Virtual Drop-In Hours: Pathways to Care for Mental Health**

Did you know the TDSB offers drop-in hours for educational presentations that provide the knowledge and tools necessary to support the well-being of students at home and in school? [Visit the TDSB website](#) to view session dates and themes.

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### **Special Education and Inclusion 2024-25 Drop-In Sessions**

Special Education and Inclusion is pleased to offer drop-in sessions for parents, guardians, and caregivers. These sessions aim to provide information and resources for accessing special education supports and services. Participants can ask questions, share experiences, and connect with other families in a friendly environment. Please [see the flyer](#) for upcoming dates, times and links.

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### **Official Social Media Channels**

I encourage all social media users to follow the TDSB accounts for the latest news and updates. You can find us on [X](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Threads](#), and [Bluesky](#).

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## Questions and Concerns

Here at the TDSB, we are always open to hearing your questions and concerns and make every effort to address them as quickly as possible. Your child's classroom teacher is the first point of contact, followed by the school's principal, the school superintendent, and me, your Trustee! Learn more about [Steps to Address Questions and Concerns here.](#)

## Upcoming Meetings

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Visit the TDSB website for a [full list of upcoming meetings.](#)



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