Toronto District School Board

Trustee
Shelley Laskin
Ward 8, Eglinton-Lawrence and Toronto-St. Paul's

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! For those of you who have not met me yet, let me introduce myself. I am your local school trustee. I am your link with the Toronto District School Board, which governs Toronto's public schools. As your elected representative, I make decisions with the rest of the trustees on the Board and act as your advocate and 'sounding board,' should the need arise. I believe we all have a role to play to help our public schools thrive.

The TDSB is also here to support you and your family's mental health and well-being. We know that school can be an exciting and overwhelming time – for both students and parents/caregivers. For tools and resources tailored for you, please visit https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Mental-Health-Well-Being.

If you aren't already signed up to my Trustee Weekly Updates which come out Sunday evening at 8:00pm, please sign up for my e-newsletter and visit my webpage at www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward8. You can also follow me on twitter www.twitter.com/shelleylaskin.

To help you and your child have a great year, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca for information on the school year calendar, transportation, getting involved, and so much more. For system-wide news about the Board, subscribe to TDSB Update at www.tdsb.on.ca/TDSBupdate and follow the TDSB on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and now Threads. You will also continue to receive important information and updates from your school and the system via email.

We are currently in the process of renewing our Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP), and consultations will be ongoing throughout the Fall. I want to express my gratitude to those who have already participated in this important endeavor. We encourage you to complete the MYSP online survey and explore www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal to discover further ways to contribute, including attending our virtual Joint Trustee MYSP Ward Meeting on October 3rd. You can register here.

I would also like to invite all parents and caregivers to participate in our annual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference, ***Joy in the Journey of Learning***, on October 21 and 22, 2023. This conference is a weekend of learning, connection and engagement and learning strategies to support your child throughout the year. Please visit www.parentsaspartners.ca for more information.

Should you need information or have questions, or something to share with me, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at shelley.laskin@tdsb.on.ca. If you need information urgently, please contact Maria Jose Oliveira, TDSB Administrative Liaison, who will be supporting me and answering the Trustees' shared line during office hours. Maria Jose can also be reached directly at mariajose.oliveira@tdsb.on.ca or 416-397-2577.

We may be the largest school board in the country, but it's the relationships that make our schools feel like family. By getting involved, you're supporting public education, and I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child's school this year.

To stay informed, please **sign up for my e-newsletter** and visit my webpage at www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward8/**.**

Thank you,

Trustee Shelley Laskin
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2023-2024 Information

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PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 4, 2023
Board-wide PA Day	October 6, 2023
Thanksgiving	October 9, 2023
Board-wide PA Day	November 17, 2023
Elementary PA Day	December 8, 2023
Winter Break	December 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024
Elementary PA Day	January 19, 2024
Secondary PA Day	February 1, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	February 16, 2024
Family Day	February 19, 2024
March Break	March 11 - 15, 2024
Good Friday	March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	April 1, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	April 19, 2024
Victoria Day	May 20, 2024
Elementary School PA Day	June 7, 2024
Secondary School PA Day	June 27, 2024
Secondary School PA Day	June 28, 2024

First day of classes for students is September 5, 2023
The last day of class for elementary students is June 27, 2024
The last day of class for secondary students is June 28, 2024

Days of Significance

For more information, please visit

www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolyearcalendar www.tdsb.on.ca/daysofsignificance

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Parent Concern Protocol

Classroom Teacher

STEP ONE

If you have any questions or concerns, the first person to go to is your classroom teacher. The classroom teacher can help with:

- Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

School Principal

STEP TWO

If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal can help.

- Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- Report card concerns
- Classroom concerns
- Code of Conduct
- Safety and security
- Budget and fundraising
- School Council

School Superintendents

STEP THREE

Superintendents are responsible for a Network of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with:

- Alternate attendance request
- Suspension appeals

Trustees

STEP FOUR

Trustees are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the TDSB:

- Concerns about your community
- Ideas and suggestions for the Board
- Items on Board Agenda
- Board policies under review
- Board budget
- Collective bargaining

Board Office

You can contact the Board Office directly for any questions or concerns related to:

- Continuing Education
- Night and summer school
- Adult education
- ESL
- Board documents

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