

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

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Leadership Report

Learning Innovation and Equitable Outcomes

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New and Experienced Administrator Professional Learning

In order to support Principals and Vice Principals in leading Special Education and Inclusion at their school, two sessions for newly appointed and experienced Vice Principals and Principals were held in December. The sessions provided an opportunity for administrators to engage in critical reflection and discussion, and to make connections to their leadership role in interrupting and disrupting oppressive practices within their schools. Participants strengthened their confidence and competence to lead staff to develop inclusive practices when serving students with special education needs and intersecting identities.

ProjectSEARCH 2024-2025 Applications Open

Applications are open for ProjectSEARCH 2024-2025 cohort. [Project Search Toronto](#) is a unique transition-to-work program for TDSB students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Students, in their final year of highschool, gain marketable skills needed for employment through approximately 700 hours of hands-on work experience across three co-op placements with one or both of the host businesses, Toronto Rehab-UHN and Holland Bloorview.

Information sessions for students and families interested in applying to ProjectSEACH for 2024-2025 will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 on Thursday, January 18 (virtual) and Thursday, January 25th (in-person at Holland Bloorview). Please register for the information session on this [Google Form](#).

Professional Learning August through December 2023

In order to ensure coherence and alignment of special education processes, practices and programs across the Toronto District School Board (TDSB), the Special Education and Inclusion Department has been focusing on capacity building at all levels of the organization. A list of some of the professional learning offerings for staff from August to December 2023 for staff is provided in this link. [☰ List of Professional Learning for System by Special Education and Inclusion](#)



IPRC Data - December 2023

December IPRCs	
Learning Centre 1	41
Learning Centre 2	43
Learning Centre 3	27
Learning Centre 4	44
IPRCs Completed	155
IPRC Cumulative since August 2023	
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**Psychological Services
Assessment Statistics**

December 2023

Month-By-Month	LC1	LC2	LC3	LC4	Total
Completed	40	60	59	71	230
Total Referrals	154	174	186	311	825
Cumulative (since September 2023)					
Completed	179	172	120	153	624
In Progress	186	206	253	225	870
Waiting*	308	264	337	581	1490
Removed	26	34	39	42	141
Total Referrals**	699	676	749	1001	3125

*66.5% of total waitlist are comprehensive/DK assessments, and 33.5% are gifted assessments

**78% of total referrals are for comprehensive/DK assessments, and 22% are gifted assessments