



# 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](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward8). You can also follow me on twitter [www.twitter.com/shelleylaskin](http://www.twitter.com/shelleylaskin).

To help you and your child have a great year, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward8/).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelley'.

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