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### ***School Council & CAC E-mail Account Updates***

- A implementation time-line will be developed for the roll out of school council and CAC Gmail accounts in the fall.
- As requested by PIAC, communications has distributed a request for school council chair e-mail account to all superintendents. Once e-mail accounts are received by PCEO, they will be shared with the PIAC co-chairs. In the interim, PIAC will need to determine guidelines for e-mail address usage.

### **Enhancing Equity Task Force-Family Engagement Mandate**

- On Thursday June 01, 2017 the Task Force facilitated a conversation on family engagement principles. The session was attended by parents, CAC representatives, OSSTF, ETT, Social Work, Guidance etc. Information gathered will be used to draft family engagement principles that will be consulted with families in the fall.

### **Summer Camps!**

- Every summer, students and families from across the TDSB have the opportunity to participate in camps that are being offered in our schools through our community partners. Each partner has been provided free space through the Priority Schools Initiative (PSI) & Focus on Youth (FOYT) program and all camps are free or subsidized for participants. A full list of programs, along with hours, fees and contact information can be found by visiting the following link: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Innovation/SummerCamps.aspx>

### **TDSB School Website Design Updates and Platform Upgrade**

- The Web Services team is upgrading the TDSB School Website Content Tool platform and introducing updated school website designs that will meet the requirements for website



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accessibility as set out by the Accessibility for Ontarians With Disabilities Act (AODA) and enable visitors using mobile devices to see an optimized version of the website.

### **New Transportation Portal**

- The Toronto Student Transportation Group is very excited to announce the launch of the Transportation Portal for parents. Parents/guardians will be able to sign up to access the new portal where they will be able to view their children's specific transportation information and receive email notifications about late buses. Please visit <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/transportation-portal/> for further details. All parents will receive a letter outlining relevant registration information.

### **New Communication of Learning Reports for Children in Kindergarten**

- The Ontario government is introducing new provincial reports in Kindergarten. For the first time, teachers across Ontario will be using standard templates for communicating children's learning in the Full-Day Kindergarten Program. The TDSB will begin phasing in these new reports in the upcoming June 2017 reporting period. In the next reporting period (at the end of June 2017), parents of children in Kindergarten will receive the following report: Full-Day Kindergarten Communication of Learning.
- The new Kindergarten reports will help parents understand their child's progress during the course of the school year.

### **Student Accident Insurance Changes:**

- The Toronto District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school sponsored activities. Parents/Guardians are responsible for deciding whether or not to purchase accident insurance.



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The student accident insurance program has undergone some significant changes, most importantly, there are now only three options and the benefits for each option have been enhanced:

<b>Previous Plan</b>		<b>New Plan</b>	
<b>Plan</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Rate</b>
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>\$32</b>	<b>Platinum</b>	<b>\$33</b>
<b>Gold</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Silver</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>\$13</b>
<b>Bronze</b>	<b>\$13.50</b>		
<b>Limited</b>	<b>\$8</b>		

Information and application will be available at schools in the fall.

**Start-of-Year Forms for Elementary and Secondary Schools**

- In response to requests from parents/guardians, as well as the November 2016 Board decision regarding Start-of-Year forms, a streamlined, Start-of-Year Permission/Consent Form package will be rolled out for the 2017-2018 school year.

**2016/2017 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants Reporting**

Schools that received PRO Grant funding for the 2016-2017 school year are required to:

- Spend all 2016/17 PRO Grant funds by 30 June 2017;



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- Charge all PRO Grant funds against CC# xxxx0565 and GL# 41500, under the Plan column;
- Complete and return the Declaration Form (the contract between the school council and the Ministry of Education) to the Ministry of Education;
- File all related receipts at the school according to Board policy (government funded initiatives are subject to audit, so these records must be retained for seven (7) years);
- Submit a final report to the Ministry on-line at <http://education.factorial.ca> by August 31, 2017;
- Submit a copy of their final report to the Director's Office (via email to the Parent and Community Engagement Office at [outreach@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:outreach@tdsb.on.ca)).