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PCEO UPDATES

School Council Shared E-mail Account Update

- School Councils impacted by the security breach have been notified and, accounts reset. The “automated forward feature” that enabled TDSB Outlook accounts to be forwarded to personal email addresses remains turned off. Therefore, this feature will no longer be available to all TDSB account users,
- Whereas in the past, School Councils, CACs, and PIAC member’s accounts have been accessible via webmail, that access had been discontinued. Access will now be through the TDSB account on a personal device,
- Log in instructions for a School Council account can be found at <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/schoolcouncil>
- PCEO has been working with the Client Service Desk to provide requested Council account activation, login, and troubleshooting support. To date, we are backlogged with approximately 70+_ schools. PCEO is actively seeking additional staffing supports to address the backlog.
- During the final week of January 2021 PIAC members will be provided an opportunity to schedule a meeting with John Manalo to review account issues.

Inactive School Councils

- Approximately 400 schools responded to the call out for School Council chair contacts,
- Of the 400 20 had not yet hosted elections, however, 6 had elections scheduled to be completed before December break and 3 had them scheduled for January 2021,
- 13 of the 400 submissions indicated that they do not have an active (held election, hosted a meeting, elected executives) School Council for various reasons, but only one indicated that they have parents who meet as a council but have not been elected to council,
- PCEO will follow up with Superintendents/schools that have indicated that they do not have an active school council.

School Council ZOOM Accounts

- All School Councils have been assigned a ZOOM account that accommodate a meeting of 300 people for engaging members and parents/caregivers. Many School Councils have commenced activating their accounts, however, there are still several councils who have not yet done so,



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- ZOOM accounts can be accessed and activated by accessing the School Council SC.ABCSchool@tdsb.on.ca mailbox. Activation instructions are in the in box of the School Councils e-mail account,
- To activate the School Councils e-mail account, contact the Principal.

School Messenger Update

- School Messenger was approved for the School Council to enhance communication with members and parents/caregivers,
- The rollout to schools will begin January 25, 2021 with school principals followed by School Council chairs
- To access School Messenger, all council co-chairs must activate the TDSB School Council e-mail account,
- The rollout communication will outline instructions for activating and accessing Messenger,
- Councils who require supports with Messenger should contact their Principal.

Vice-Principal Interview Process

- Vice-Principal Interview Committees, Procedure 705 - Selection, Promotion and Placement Process for School Principals and Vice-principals allows for parent/guardian representatives identified through the Parental Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) to participate in Vice-Principal interviews,
- An Expression of Interest for parent/caregiver volunteers was distributed and closed Monday December 04, 2020. Over 100+ parents/caregivers have registered for the mandatory training session required to participate on an interview panel,
- The virtual interview training session is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 9, 2021 5:00 to 8:00 pm**. Please note **attendance at a Training Session is mandatory** to participate as a Parent/Guardian Representative on a Vice-Principal Interview Team. If you attended a parent interview training session on February 13, 2018 or later, it is not necessary for you to attend again, although you are welcome to come as a refresher,
- Spring 2021 interviews for Elementary Vice-Principal and Secondary Vice-Principal will be held on two of the three planned interview dates below:
 - Tuesday, February 23, 2021
 - Wednesday, February 24, 2021
 - Tuesday, March 2, 2021
- Parents/Caregivers will not be scheduled for more than one of these dates. Depending on the number of interview teams scheduled, not all parent representatives may be scheduled,



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- Selected parents/caregivers will be informed by e-mail no later than the week prior to the scheduled date if they have been placed on an interview team or identified as an alternate/back-up for the day,
- The interview day begins with a team caucus at 8:00am with the site coordinators. The last interview of the day will commence no later than 3:30pm.

School Statement of Need (SSON)

- As a reminder Councils are required to update the School Statement of Needs (SSON).
- For SSON supports visit: <http://www.torontopiac.com/school-councils.html>

Program Priorities Funding (PPF) –Parent Reaching Out Grant (PROG)

- TDSB was allocated \$131,563.00 for projects that demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents in students' educational experiences. All funds must be spent and reported to the Ministry by August 21, 2021,

Funds will be allocated to support the following initiatives:

- i. School Council Anti-Black Racism, anti-Indigenous and anti-oppression application initiatives (\$52,500@1,500/Council)
 - ii. Virtual Parent/Caregiver engagement tools and supports (\$20,000)
 - iii. Conversation Series 2.0-Going Deeper (\$35,000)
 - iv. Enhanced Multi-lingual Supports (\$24,063)
- A report outlining the allocation of funds will be tracked to the Program and School Services Committee (PSSC) in February 2021.
 - For information on the School Council Anti-Oppression, Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Indigenous application process visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Parents-Reaching-Out-Grants>
 - The Conversation Series will be launched on Saturday January 30, 2021 6:30 pm featuring a virtual talk on *How Children Understand Race and How Adults Can Help* by Dr. Erin N Winkler. For further details visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conversations-Series>

Parent/Guardian and Student Online Survey – Week of January 25

The TDSB will be surveying both parents/guardians (JK to Grade 12) and students (Grades 6 to 12) during the week of January 25 to learn more about experiences to date related to mental health and



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well-being, student engagement, and learning. Please watch for an email with a link to the survey and/or check the TDSB home page at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/> for updates.

Parents as Partners (PasP) Conference 2020

- PasP workshops and presentations can be viewed at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conferences/Parents-as-Partners-Conference>,

School Council Insurance

While purchasing insurance is always optional and dependant on the risk appetite of the school council, please keep in mind that if you are engaging in multiple virtual activities the insurance is recommended. School councils that are not active in fundraising, for example, there only activity is a monthly meeting, insurance is not generally purchased. For further information on insurance visit: <http://tdsbweb.tdsb.on.ca/businessservices/insurance-and-enterprise-risk/school-council-insurance>

2020/2021 School Generated Funds and School Needs Assessment

- The annual School Generated Funds Financial Plan and School Need Assessment are now ready for completion. The school's submission was due **on or before December 11th, 2020**.

The School Generated Funds Financial Plan is required as funds must be raised for the specific purpose(s) and spent according to the purpose(s) communicated to the school community. This document is your planning document that outlines the fundraising initiatives and the intended use of the funds. To begin planning **please click [here](#)**



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INFORMATION SHARING

Elementary and Secondary Optional Attendance for 2021-2022

Students can access schools outside of the school that is designated to serve their residential address by applying for optional attendance. Acceptance at these schools is subject to space availability and program suitability. Families and students in Virtual and Bricks and Mortar school who would like to apply, under Optional Attendance, to a school for September 2021-22 should visit:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Optional-Attendance>

Important Information for Families of Grade 3 Students (NEW Middle French Immersion Program – Grade 4 Entry)

- To register for the program, visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Application-Process/Middle-French-Immersion>
- TDSB will be hosting Virtual Web Chat Information Sessions for families interested in the Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 Entry). To register visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Sessions>

Government Support for Learners

This funding is to provide parents/caregivers with essential financial supports during these unprecedented times. The deadline to apply is January 15, 2021.

<https://www.iaccess.gov.on.ca/SupportForLearnersWeb/public/index.xhtml>

TVO Learn and TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison

- The Ministry of Education has announced the launch of two new portals developed in partnership with TVO and TFO. TVO Learn and TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison will provide optional supplemental support for students who are self-screening, quarantining at home, or wishing to build their skills by accessing additional educational resources developed by Ontario certified teachers. These portals provide engaging and interactive ways to support students in furthering their learning in the Grades 1 to 8 Ontario curriculum from home.
- Secondary students can continue to access TVO's Independent Learning Centre (ILC) Open House and Portes ouvertes pour les cours TVO ILC in French-language, which provide access to 144 Grade 9 to 12 courses. These ILC resources are not for credit but are designed to provide flexible learning opportunities to help students keep up with their learning or deepen their understanding of a specific subject. In addition, French-language students also have access to French-language online courses available through the Consortium d'apprentissage virtuel de l'Ontario.



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- For further information visit: <https://tvolearn.com/>

Autism Ontario Events and Workshops

Autism Ontario has many events, workshops, and parent groups for December. To highlight include virtual coffee chats, Christmas sing-alongs, Hanukkah Cookie Kits, Kwanzaa Craft Kits, OAP sessions, and an OAP information session with Vietnamese translation. Visit:

https://www.autismontario.com/events?custom_326=All&custom_325=Toronto&event_type_id=All

Brightspace, Google Classroom and Other Virtual Information for Parent/Caregivers in Virtual Schools

Parents/caregivers are encouraged to create a "Brightspace for Parents" account which will provide a window into their child's online classroom.

- The information available includes Upcoming Work, Recent Grades, Portfolio Items, and any items that may be overdue,
- Please note, to create a Brightspace for Parents account, the parent/caregiver must have an email address already on file in our Student Information System. If you already receive emails from TDSB and your child's school, you are ready to create an account. If you do not, contact the school to provide an e-mail address.

For information on Google Classroom and other virtual supports visit:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o2qPvYkLNGZoucHB_BmNTKJjDWsqlsv7yJXU8jCp3oE/edit

Helpful Links

- Talking Race and Racism- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1473/Talking-about-Race-and-Racism-With-Children>
- Information on Return to School Virtual & In-person <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/>
- Information on supporting your child www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents
- Resources for [mental health and well-being](#), [homework](#), [safety](#), [curriculum](#) and other ways to [get involved](#).