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### ***PCEO UPDATES***

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

*School Council Grant PPF Application* -this grant was provided to School Councils to address Anti-Black Racism, anti-Indigeneity, and anti-oppression. There were 190 applications submitted and 80 were approved of which 6 were high schools, 11 Middle Schools, and 63 elementary schools. Of the 80 approved, 61 were supported by the PPF Grant for a total of \$76, 563.00 and 19 by PIAC allocated funds for a total of \$25,000. An interim report was shared with approved applicants and only one school to date has indicated that they will not be able to use funds due to limited council capacity, time-frame, and availability of speakers. A list of all council funds have been attached to the report outlining Council spending as of May 04, 2021.

#### **School Council Update**

*School Messenger*- Staff continues to work with the company to address the glitches in the program.

*Support for School Council* - PCEO continues to work with the Client Service Desk to provide requested Council account activation, login, and troubleshooting support to reduce the back log. Support for councils can be found at <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/schoolcouncil>

*Exchange/Outlook Mailbox Migrations*-The Boards IT department will be providing an upate on the migration that will be implemented for school councils and Communith Advisory Committees at the end of the school year.

*PIAC E-mail Supports*-individual booking supports was implemented. Members who still require support should e-mail [John.manalo@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:John.manalo@tdsb.on.ca)



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*ZOOM Accounts*-While Councils continue to activate and access the communication tools, whether e-mail account, ZOOM etc., we are seeing a slow and limited uptake of ZOOM and e-mail accounts. We will continue to work to provide more immediate supports where and when necessary, while continuing communication plan with SCs to improve the number of councils using the tools.

*School Council Bylaw Review*-TDSB will be meeting with staff and PIAC representatives to explore strategies for supporting Councils in developing equitable and inclusive bylaws that addresses Human Rights and clearer conflict resolution processes. PIACs Consultation Working Group has referred PIAC representatives for the meeting.

#### **Adding PIAC Rep Names to School websites**

At its March 10 2021 meeting the Board decided that the names of the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee ward representatives for each ward be added to the TDSB school websites, adjacent to or below the current PIAC logo and link, and that these names be linked to the representative's PIAC email address. TDSBs web team has commenced the work and anticipation a June 2021 completion.

#### **PO23-Policy Review**

A report on reconvening PO23 policy review was approved by the Board. The first roll out of the review will be the CAC review. Approved consultation Critical Path will be shared with the PIAC Consultation Working Group.

#### **Parents as Partners (PasP) Conference 2021**

PasP planning committee has resumed. Parent/caregiver interested in sitting on the committee may e-mail [Margaret.horvath@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Margaret.horvath@tdsb.on.ca)

***INFORMATION SHARING***

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### **Toronto District School Board's Annual Safe Drinking Water Test Results for 2020**

The *safety* of our students and staff is most important to us. Part of that commitment and responsibility is the testing of the quality of our drinking water in every one of our 583 schools to ensure that every student, every member of our staff, and every person visiting our schools can safely consume drinking water. For further details visit:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/ArtMID/2750/ArticleID/1632/Toronto-District-School-Board%E2%80%99s-Annual-Safe-Drinking-Water-Test-Results-for-2020>

### **TDSB Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter**

For information and updates on the centre review the Newsletter. You may also sign up to be on their newsletter list at

<http://tdsweb.tdsb.on.ca/portals/staffnews/docs/Centre%20of%20Excellence%20for%20Black%20Student%20Achievement%20Newsletter%20May%202021.pdf>

**TDSB Summer Programs** – The health and well-being of TDSB students, staff and families is our top priority. Given the unpredictability of what the status of the COVID-19 pandemic will be in the summer, and the need to begin planning well before that time, the decision has been made to offer all [Summer Programs](#) fully remote (online) for summer 2021. For further information visit [Summer Programs \(tdsb.on.ca\)](#)

### **TDSB Permits 2020/2021**

A variety of spaces are available for permit within TDSB schools for next year. For further details visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Permits/Schools>

### **Vaccine Information**

#### **Pfizer Vaccine to youth between the ages of 12 and 17**

Beginning the week May 31, 2021, the Pfizer vaccine will be rolled out to children and youth between the ages of 12-17, as the province also finalizes plans to gradually and safely re-open the province on June 02, 2021. For further details visit: [COVID-19: How to Get Vaccinated – City of Toronto](#)



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Find COVID-19 vaccination resources [in many languages](#).

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-protect-yourself-others/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-resources/>

Please check the Toronto Public Health website for [updated information about COVID-19 and vaccines](#). <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/>

### **Review of School Names**

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) has approved a motion that will lead to a city-wide review of school names to better reflect the diversity of the city. The TDSB will form a special group that will inform the consultation visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/News-releases/ArtMID/3196/ArticleID/1630/TDSB-to-Review-School-Names-to-Reflect-Toronto%e2%80%99s-Diversity>

### **Ministry of Education 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.



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

### **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](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o2qPvYkLNGZoucHB_BmNTKjJDWsqlsv7yJXU8jCp3oE/edit)



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## 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](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents)
- Resources for [mental health and well-being](#), [homework](#), [safety](#), [curriculum](#) and other ways to [get involved](#).

For information on TDSBs Community Advisory Committees visit

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees>