



Tuesday, January 14, 2025

## Re: Report to PIAC Meeting

### Clayton La Touche Appointed TDSB Director of Education

Clayton La Touche has been appointed Director of Education for the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). The appointment will take effect February 10, 2025.

La Touche is currently Assistant Deputy Minister, Student Support and Field Services Division, with the Ministry of Education. Prior to his secondment to the ministry in September 2021, Clayton served for three years as the Associate Director of Education, Schools and Operations, with the York Region District School Board.

Beginning his career as a teacher with the Toronto District School Board in 1994, La Touche moved to the York Region District School Board in 2000 as an elementary school vice-principal. There, he served in progressively more senior roles including Principal, Centrally-Assigned Principal, and Superintendent of Education of both schools and Human Resource Services - Operations prior to taking on the Associate Director role.

Throughout his career, La Touche has built a reputation as an inclusive, collaborative leader with a deep commitment to equitable achievement and well-being outcomes for all students. He is dedicated to the advancement of public education.

The appointment of Clayton Touche brings to a close a four-month recruitment process overseen by the Director Search Committee that included stakeholder consultation on Director of Education job criteria, and desired experience and background that helped inform the candidate profile.

### TDSB Budget Process

The 2025-2026 TDSB Budget process is well underway. As you know, we continue to advocate for the Ministry of Education to support our students and staff by providing the necessary funding to cover the actual costs of delivering education in Toronto. For more information on the current budget pressures faced by the board, please see this [budget fact sheet](#). As always, we will continue to provide updated information throughout the budget process on the TDSB website at [www.tdsb.on.ca/budget](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/budget).

### African Heritage (Black History) Month at the TDSB: Virtual Launch Celebration on February 4, 2025

During the month of February, the Toronto District School Board proudly recognizes African Heritage (Black History) Month. The chosen theme for 2024-2025 is *Lift Every Voice*. This theme is taken from the first line of the Black National Anthem. *Lift Every Voice* encourages collective strength and unity among the African/Black



diaspora. This will be a celebration of vibrant and diverse cultures, experiences, perspectives, contemporary realities, contributions, and achievements.

To kick off African Heritage (Black History) Month in February at the Toronto District School Board, we are excited to extend an invitation to all students, staff and the TDSB community to join us in marking this significant month with performances by Black artists and creators, and noteworthy speakers.

We'll be thrilled to have you join us! Please save the date!

### **African Heritage Month Virtual Launch Celebration**

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Live Stream Link: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/LiveWebcast-African-Heritage-Month.html>

Sincerely,

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Matias de Dovitiis  
TDSB Trustee – Ward 4  
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