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PCCEO UPDATES

Policy/Program Memorandum No.170 – School Board Communication with Parents

The PPM “outline requirements and provide direction to school boards on communication with parents to strengthen service standards and ensure consistent and reliable information is provided and made available to a parent for greater transparency and accountability in the education system across the province”.

By establishing standardized guidelines, the Ministry of Education enhances communication and the overall engagement between parents and school boards.

School boards are required to:

- provide parents with information to support their active engagement in their child’s education.
- develop and comply with a protocol setting out standards for acknowledging and responding to parent inquiries.

Compliance requires TDSB to update the Parent Concern Protocol. In doing so, we have requested feedback from Community Advisory Committees, (PIAC /SEAC), School Councils and TSAA. A draft protocol is in the works. Members are encouraged to complete the survey shared with PIAC.

Responsive Education Programming (REP) Parent Engagement 2024/2025 Allocation

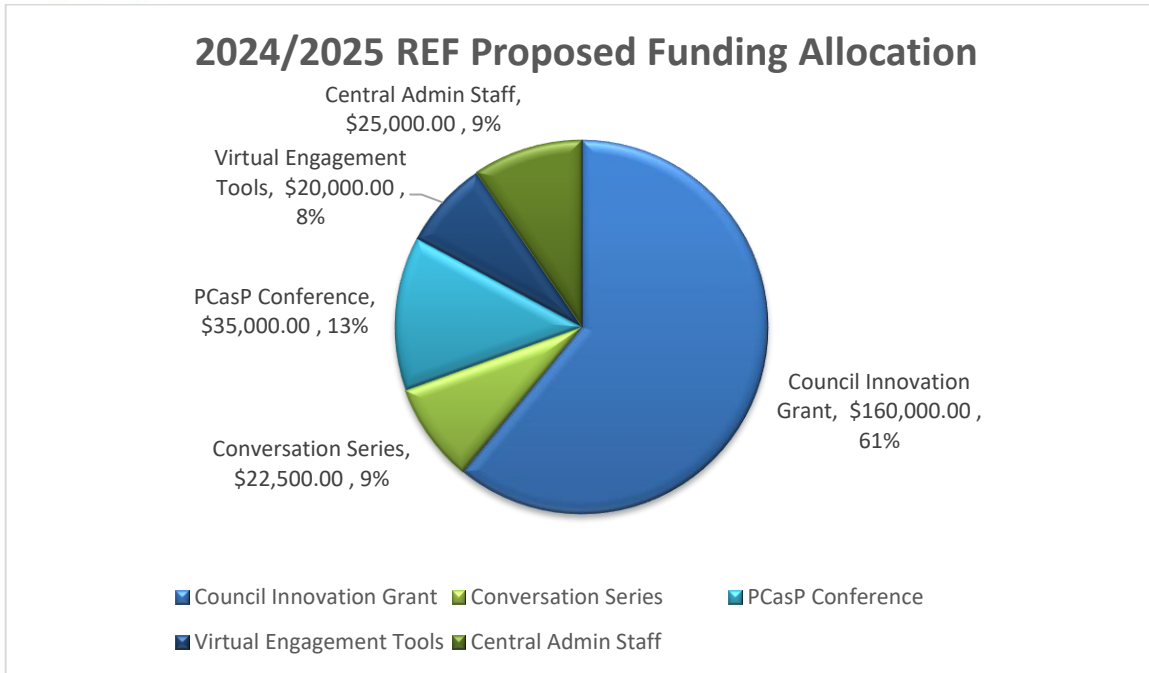
TDSBs allocation for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 is outlined below:

Year	Funds	Allocation
2023-2024	PCE GSN	262, 500.00
	PIAC Allocation	44, 826.00
2024-2025	REP	264, 000.00
	PIAC Allocation	45, 381.00



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System-wide Parent/Caregiver Survey Update

A survey working group composed of staff, PCCEO, PIAC, and parents/caregivers has been established to support the development of the survey and provide guidance as to strategies for ensuring maximum completion. The committee will reconvene in late November 2024.

PCCEO School Council Roundtable

A call will be made again in November 2024 to expand the PCCEO SC Roundtable.

2024– 2025 School Council Innovation Grant (SCIG) Upcoming Deadlines

The [School Council Innovation Grant](#) (SCIG) upcoming deadlines.

Stages	2024-2025 Application Period
Opens	October 09, 2024
Deadline	Dec 01, 2024

Please contact Shadi.MousaviZanjani@tdsb.on.ca for further information or visit the SCIG web page.



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School Council Virtual Town Hall

School Council Town Hall was held Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There were a number of attendees and the information shared was well received. Keep watch for our first town hall of the school year coming in October.

2024/2025 Parent/Caregiver as Partners Conference

Planning continues for the annual virtual conference scheduled for Saturday, November 16, 2024. The deadline for Workshops is October 02, 2024. For further information visit <https://parentsaspartners.ca/>

The Ministry of Education Parent/Caregiver Updated Web Page

Please visit the new and revised [parent/caregiver page](#) for moving through the school system, information on what your child is learning, supporting learning at home, and much more.

INFORMATION SHARING

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day on September 30, 2024

September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Together we recognize the legacy of Canada's residential school system and continue to learn the many truths of these institutions. During Truth and Reconciliation Week, which takes place this year between September 23-27, we encourage schools to participate in events offered by the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

Orange Shirt Day, established in 2013 by Phyllis Webstad, recognizes the legacy of the Residential Schools System for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. By wearing orange, we acknowledge the truths of Residential Schools in Canada, we honour Survivors, and we remember the thousands of children who died, many of them buried in unmarked graves. This year, TDSB will honour Orange Shirt Day on Monday, September 30th. Please see the [Urban Indigenous Education Centre's \(UIEC\) K-12 Orange Shirt Day Resources](#) and [a poster for distribution](#).

Cell Phone/Mobile Device Use Update

The TDSB has revised [PR585: Board Code of Conduct](#) to reflect the new Ministry direction around cell phone and mobile device use in all Ontario schools, as per [PPM128: The Provincial Code of](#)



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[Conduct and School Boards Codes of Conduct](#). We are also developing a Cell Phone/Mobile Device Use in Schools Policy, which will play a critical role in supporting student success, belonging, and

well-being. To learn more about the policy development and consultation, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/mobiledevicepolicy.

Below is a summary of requirements for cell phone/mobile device use, effective **September 1, 2024**.

New School Rules: cellphones, vaping and cannabis – [Ministry Flyer English](#) and [Ministry Flyer French](#)

Renewed Learning Centre and Family of School Model

To support our achievement of the 2024-2028 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP), the system organization, Learning Centre, and new Family of Schools configuration have been implemented for the 2024-2025 school year. For information on the new model visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Director-of-Education/Learning-Centre-Model>

TDB System Calendar-First Day of School

Want to know what activities/events are taking place on the board? Visit the system calendar at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar>

TDSB Connects

TDSB Connects is a monthly electronic newsletter for parents/guardians with information about news and events from across the Toronto District School Board. If you are a parent/guardian who doesn't currently receive TDSB Connects, please contact your local school to ensure your email address is up to date in your child's student contact record. To sign up visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/Newsletters/TDSB-Connects/Sep-27-2021>

TDSB Parent/Caregiver Literacy Site: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Family-and-Caregivers>

TDSB Early Instruction Guide:

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/EarlyYears/docs/TDSBEarlyReadingInstruction_Family_CaregiverGuide_Final.pdf

TDSB French Resources for Parents/Caregivers of Students in French Programs

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Supporting-Students-at-Home>



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TDSB Math Program-Supports for Parents/Caregivers: bit.ly/tdsbmathforfamilies