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PCEO UPDATES

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 were allocated to support the following initiatives:

School Council Grant Application (\$52,500@1,500/per applicant) -- to address Anti-Black Racism, anti-Indigenous and anti-oppression grant application initiative Grant is now closed. There were 190 applications submitted. Just over 99 have been reviewed with an approximate cost of \$109,000. Reviews should be completed by March 12, 2021. Approvals will be communicated the week of March 15, 2021. For further details <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Parents-Reaching-Out-Grants>

Virtual Parent/Caregiver engagement tools and supports (\$20,000)-renewal of contract for 3000 ZOOM webinar used for supporting district wide virtual engagement initiatives such as Parents as Partners, Conversation Series, Guidance Pathway & Transitions Sessions etc.

Conversation Series 2.0-Going Deeper (\$35,000)

The series was relaunched in January with a conversation on Talking Race, followed by a February session on Racialized Trauma. March will feature a **viewing of Screenagers the Next Chapter & Q&A with the Director**. Visit the Conversation web page for further information: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conversations-Series>



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Enhanced Multi-lingual Supports (\$24,063)

- Support language-based supports for parent/caregiver engagement. Since School Councils have requested funding for interpretation/translation services for their Grant applications, so *these funds can be re-allocated to support the grant process.*

A report outlining the allocation of funds will be tracked to the Program and School Services Committee (PSSC) in March 2021.

School Council Communication Update

School Messenger- Privacy breach investigation continues. Staff will meet within the next week to determine next steps

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>

PIAC E-mail Supports- scheduled booking supports for PIAC members is now completed. Members who still require support should e-mail John.manalo@tdsb.on.ca

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.

Parent/Guardian and Student Online Survey – Report

Recently, all TDSB students in Grades 6 to 12 and parents/caregivers were asked to take part in a check-in survey to let us know about your mental health and well-being, relationships, and learning experiences.



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To view the survey results visit

[https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/Parent%2C%20Student%20and%20Staff%20Winter%20Check-in%20Surveys\(1\).pdf](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/Parent%2C%20Student%20and%20Staff%20Winter%20Check-in%20Surveys(1).pdf)

PO23-Policy Review

A report on reconvening PO23 policy review is being drafted for the March Governance and Planning Committee of the Board. Approved consultation Critical Path will be shared with the PIAC Consultation Working Group.

PIAC Orientation

The virtual orientation session was held on March 02, 2021. It was attended by the PIAC co-chairs, W9 representative, W6 alternate, W12alternate & representative, W10 representative, W11 representative, W16 alternate and W19 representative.

Parents as Partners (PasP) Conference 2021

PasP planning committee will resume in March 2021. PIAC may identify its representatives by sharing name with latha.john@tdsb.on.ca,

INFORMATION SHARING

Ideas and Resources for Getting Outside

TDSB has launched a new outdoor site to help parents/caregiver and staff get the most out of the outdoors in a safe and educational way. For further information visit

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/learningoutdoors>



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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.
- 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,



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- 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](#).