# Ward 15 Virtual Forum Your Questions Answered: School Playgrounds Tuesday January 23, 2024 7-9 pm

Virtual Via Zoom

Ward 15 Trustee - Sara Ehrhardt

Senior Manager, Sustainability - Richard Christie

#### Welcome and Introductions

Land Acknowledgement

## Trustee Update

- Budget Consultations at the Provincial, Federal and municipal Levels
  - Encouraged to fill out consultations and highlight education needs; the importance of school, children & youth as well as ventilation, nutrition and climate change.
    - Provincial: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/2024-budget-consultations">https://www.ontario.ca/page/2024-budget-consultations</a> closes Jan 31, 2024
    - Federal: <a href="https://www.letstalkbudget24.ca/let-s-talk-budget-2024">https://www.letstalkbudget24.ca/let-s-talk-budget-2024</a> closes Feb 9, 2024
    - City of Toronto: <a href="https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/budget-finances/city-budget/how-to-get-involved-in-the-budget/">https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/budget-finances/city-budget/how-to-get-involved-in-the-budget/</a>
      - Councillor Paula Fletcher Budget Consultation Townhall: https://www.councillorpaulafletcher.ca/2024 budget townhall
    - TDSB Budget Process: https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Budget
- Other Advocacy:
  - Saturday Jan 27, 2024 Neighbourhood Rally in support of the Ontario Science Centre: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/community-rally-for-the-ontario-science-centre-tickets-801817677257">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/community-rally-for-the-ontario-science-centre-tickets-801817677257</a>

# PIAC Update

- Ward 15 PIAC Co-Representative Mohammad Yousuf (co-representative Jennifer Volk sends her regrets)
- PIAC Ready. Set. Engage Conference Saturday Feb 3, 2024 Register Here.

## Climate Change and School Playgrounds

Richard Christie - Senior Manager Sustainability

### Climate Action & Revitalizing School Grounds Presentation

- Relevant Links:
  - o https://www.tdsb.on.ca/environment/Home/Education
  - o https://www.tdsb.on.ca/environment/Home/Climate-Action-Plans
  - Climate Action Report: <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/environment/Home/Climate-Action-Plans">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/environment/Home/Climate-Action-Plans</a>
  - Viability Review Process:
    <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/environment/Home/Actions/Revitalizing-School-Grounds/Viability-Review">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/environment/Home/Actions/Revitalizing-School-Grounds/Viability-Review</a>
  - Learning Opportunities Index (LOI):
    <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/research/research/learning-opportunities-index">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/research/research/learning-opportunities-index</a>
- → Questions asked On:
  - ◆ Pape Avenue Junior Public School
    - Ontario Line construction effects on playground. School community would like to see support from Metrolinx for play yard improvements given Ontario Line construction impacts to school community
  - ◆ Roden Public Schools
    - Fundraising for school ground improvements
  - ◆ Leslieville Public School
    - How do we find out where things are in the process as administration changes
  - Dundas Junior Public School
    - Buddy Benches
  - Blake Street Junior Public School
    - Playground revitalization interrupted by Ontario Line construction deeming parts of playground unsafe.
  - ◆ Earl Haig Public School
    - Making changes to track and field
  - ◆ Frankland Avenue Public School
    - Commissioning a mural