



Trustee  
**Zakir Patel**

Ward 19, Scarborough-Guildwood

August 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year!

I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and safe summer. As we prepare to embark on a new school year, I am filled with anticipation and excitement for the opportunities and growth that lie ahead for TDSB students and communities.

As the elected public school board trustee for your community, my role is to advocate for you and your child and represent the needs of all students and families in the Toronto District School Board (TDSB).

This past school year, we tackled several critical issues, including cell phone use in schools, social media, and academic achievement. These initiatives are at the heart of our commitment to creating productive and supportive learning environments for all students. Despite the financial challenges we've faced in recent years, we continue to maintain important supports for students while advocating for the Ministry to provide the necessary and sustainable support and adjustments for the TDSB to deliver the highest quality education. For more details about our efforts and the key issues we have highlighted, [please review our advocacy letters available on our public webpage](#).

I am thrilled to share the recently launched [2024-28 Multi-Year Strategic Plan \(MYSP\)](#), which was developed through extensive collaboration and focuses on high achievement, student well-being, and accountability. We are committed to excellence and addressing the unique needs of each student. Engaging parents, guardians, caregivers, and community partners remains an important part of our strategy in the coming years.

We are also developing a new Cell Phone/Mobile Device Use in Schools Policy, aimed at enhancing student success, belonging, and well-being. A pre-consultation was conducted earlier this spring to gather feedback from school and community partners, ensuring the policy will meet legislative requirements and align with best practices.

To ensure you and your child have a great year ahead, I invite you to explore our website [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) for information about the school year calendar, transportation, ways to get involved, as well as helpful resources for the upcoming school year.

I also encourage you to follow us on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [Instagram](#), and [Threads](#) for regular updates and news. Rest assured, important information will still be communicated to you via email from both your school and the school board. You can sign up for my e-newsletter and visit my webpage at [www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward.19](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward.19)

We will be ready to welcome students back for the first day of the 2024-25 school year on September 3, 2024. I am here to support you every step of the way, ensuring a successful and rewarding educational journey for your child.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zakir Patel".

Trustee Zakir Patel  
Ward 19



# 2024-2025 Information



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Board Office at 416-397-3000 or [GeneralInquiries@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:GeneralInquiries@tdsb.on.ca)

| PA Days & Holidays       | Date                                |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Labour Day               | September 2, 2024                   |
| Elementary School PA Day | September 27, 2024                  |
| Board-wide PA Day        | October 11, 2024                    |
| Thanksgiving             | October 14, 2024                    |
| Board-wide PA Day        | November 15, 2024                   |
| Board-wide PA Day        | November 29, 2024                   |
| Winter Break             | December 23, 2024 – January 3, 2025 |
| Elementary School PA Day | January 17, 2025                    |
| Secondary School PA Day  | January 30, 2025                    |
| Board-wide PA Day        | February 14, 2025                   |
| Family Day               | February 17, 2025                   |
| Mid-Winter Break         | March 10 - 14, 2025                 |
| Good Friday              | April 18, 2025                      |
| Easter Monday            | April 21, 2025                      |
| Victoria Day             | May 19, 2025                        |
| Elementary School PA Day | June 6, 2025                        |
| Secondary School PA Day  | June 27, 2025                       |
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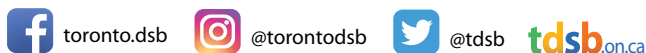
First day of classes for students is Tuesday, September 3, 2024  
 The last day of classes for elementary students is June 27, 2025.  
 The last day of classes for secondary students is June 25, 2025.

## Days of Significance

For more information, please visit

[www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolyearcalendar](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolyearcalendar) [www.tdsb.on.ca/daysofsignificance](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/daysofsignificance)

## Follow the TDSB on Social Media



## Parent Concern Protocol Classroom Teacher

### STEP ONE

If you have any questions or concerns, the first person to go to is your classroom teacher. The classroom teacher can help with:

- Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

## School Principal

### STEP TWO

If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal can help.

- Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- Report card concerns
- Classroom concerns
- Code of Conduct
- Safety and security
- Budget and fundraising
- School Council

## School Superintendents

### STEP THREE

Superintendents are responsible for a Network of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with:

- Alternate attendance request
- Suspension appeals

## Trustees

### STEP FOUR

Trustees are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the TDSB:

- Concerns about your community
- Ideas and suggestions for the Board
- Items on Board Agenda
- Board policies under review
- Board budget
- Collective bargaining

## Board Office

You can contact the Board Office directly for any questions or concerns related to:

- Continuing Education
- Night and summer school
- Adult education
- ESL
- Board documents

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