



# Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin

Ward 11, Don Valley West

August 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and restful summer.

As your Ward 11 Trustee and Chair of the Toronto District School Board, my role is to advocate for you and your child, and to represent the needs of all students and families in the Toronto District School Board.

The start of a new school year can be both exciting and overwhelming, not just for students but also for parents and caregivers. To ensure a fantastic year ahead, I invite you to explore our website [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca). You can find valuable information about the school year calendar, transportation, ways to get involved, as well as helpful resources for the upcoming school year and much more!

As we embark on a new school year, our goal for all students is to ensure high student achievement and academic success. In order to create the conditions for this, it is imperative that all students and staff feel included, safe, and supported. At the TDSB, we are committed to supporting the well-being and mental health of you and your family. To access a variety of tools and resources tailored for students and families, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/MHWP](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/MHWP).

We have a busy year ahead of us. One of our big action items is the renewal of the TDSB's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP). While some of you may have participated in the online survey sent out last spring, consultations will be continuing into the Fall. As part of this work, I will be holding a virtual ward forum together with two other wards on the evening of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. To register for this event, please access the form on [my webpage](http://mywebpage). I encourage all families to complete the MYSP online survey <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP-Survey> and explore our MYSP webpage [www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal) to discover further ways to contribute to ensure that our MYSP reflects the families we serve.

I would also like to invite all parents and caregivers to participate in our annual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference, Joy in the Journey of Learning, on October 21 and 22, 2023. This free conference is an opportunity to provide all with a weekend of learning, connection and engagement and learning strategies to support your child throughout the year. This year, attendees will have the option to participate in the conference virtually or join in-person presentations. Please mark your calendars and visit [www.parentsaspartners.ca](http://www.parentsaspartners.ca) for more information.

As your local trustee, I place a high value on communication, recognizing that a successful school year is founded on solid communication. As part of this commitment, I hold regular coffee mornings (alternating between virtual and in person) approximately every six weeks, with the first one coming up in-person on the morning of **October 25, 2023**. These are informal mornings of casual conversation where our local Ward 11 Superintendents and I provide updates about what's happening at the TDSB, and then engage in roundtable conversation about education-related issues with attendees.

Throughout the school year, I also hold evening ward forums, such as the upcoming one mentioned above regarding the renewal of our Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

In addition, I also send out a newsletter every couple of weeks to keep my ward in the know about Board and Ward news. To have this newsletter delivered to your inbox, please [sign up for my e-newsletter](#) and visit my webpage at [www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward11](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward11).

To stay informed and receive updates throughout the school year, I encourage you to visit the [www.tdsb.on.ca/](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/) regularly and follow us on [www.facebook.com/toronto.dsb/](https://www.facebook.com/toronto.dsb/), [twitter.com/tdsb](https://twitter.com/tdsb), [www.instagram.com/torontodsb](https://www.instagram.com/torontodsb) and now [threads.net/@torontodsb](https://threads.net/@torontodsb). Rest assured, important information and updates will still be communicated to you via e-mail from both your school and the school board.

In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to me by email at [Rachel.Chernoslin@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Rachel.Chernoslin@tdsb.on.ca) if you have any questions or concerns (or just want to share something amazing happening at your child's school!).

As your local trustee, I am here to support you every step of the way, with the aim of ensuring a successful and rewarding school year for your child.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachel Chernos Lin'.

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# 2023-2024 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 4, 2023
Board-wide PA Day	October 6, 2023
Thanksgiving	October 9, 2023
Board-wide PA Day	November 17, 2023
Elementary PA Day	December 8, 2023
Winter Break	December 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024
Elementary PA Day	January 19, 2024
Secondary PA Day	February 1, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	February 16, 2024
Family Day	February 19, 2024
March Break	March 11 - 15, 2024
Good Friday	March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	April 1, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	April 19, 2024
Victoria Day	May 20, 2024
Elementary School PA Day	June 7, 2024
Secondary School PA Day	June 27, 2024
Secondary School PA Day	June 28, 2024

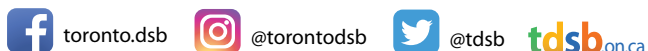
First day of classes for students is September 5, 2023.  
 The last day of class for elementary students is June 28, 2024.  
 The last day of class for secondary students is June 18, 2024 (followed by exam period).

## 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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