

Pupil Accommodation Review Update #1

October 23, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members:

This letter is to inform you of an upcoming opportunity to provide your feedback on an accommodation review taking place with a number of schools in your community. Last March 2015, the Board of Trustees approved a Pupil Accommodation Review that will involve ten secondary schools in this area: Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute, East York Alternative Secondary School, East York Collegiate Institute, Eastdale Collegiate Institute, Eastern Commerce Collegiate Institute, Greenwood Secondary School, Monarch Park Collegiate Institute, Riverdale Collegiate Institute, School of Life Experience (SOLE), and Subway Academy 1.

This review will study the group of schools listed above and will seek your feedback as we consider ways to best use school space and ensure that all students have access to viable programs.

As part of the process, we are forming a Pupil Accommodation Review Committee (PARC) to help gather feedback. The committee will be made up of students, parents, community members, Principals, the two Superintendents of Education for the ten schools and the two local Trustees. The selection process for the student, parents, and community members will be coordinated by Mike Gallagher, the Superintendent of Education leading the committee, using the following guidelines:

- Parent representatives will be appointed by the School Council, working with the School Principal. The number of parent representatives can be up to four for each school but the number must be the same for each school in the Review. Because of the varying student enrolment in the ten schools, we are aiming for two parents from each school. Parent representatives cannot be TDSB staff or related to staff.
- Two secondary school students will be appointed by each school's Student Council, working with the School Principal.
- Principals will forward names of interested community members to the Superintendent of Education who will appoint one community representative from each school and will work to ensure that there is broad community representation on the PARC.
- Community representatives cannot be TDSB staff or related to staff, cannot have children or grandchildren attending the schools included in the review and must be public school supporters.

The current [TDSB Pupil Accommodation Review Procedure \(PR598\)](#) (available at www.tdsb.on.ca) includes the following requirements:

- PARC members are expected to attend all committee meetings and public meetings. Substitutes cannot be sent to PARC meetings to represent absent members.
- The PARC shall function by reaching consensus among members. If consensus cannot be reached, voting members of the PARC who are present shall participate in a vote.
- Each school will have two votes from amongst the parent representatives, one vote for the community representative and one vote from its two student representatives. The Principal from outside of the review area also has a vote.

The committee members will meet to discuss the accommodation and program issues in the community and will share and seek feedback on the information gathered through a series of public meetings. The information gathered during this consultation process will help shape the recommendations that staff will present to the Board of Trustees for final decisions.

All of the public meetings will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and will be held at Danforth CTI (800 Greenwood Avenue). If you require an interpreter or childcare at a meeting, please call 416-394-7275 one week prior to the meeting you are attending.

The public meeting dates are as follows:

- **Monday, November 23, 2015**
- **Thursday, November 26, 2015**
- **Monday, December 7, 2015***
- **Wednesday, March 9, 2016**

* This meeting will include deputations to allow community members to make a presentation (up to five minutes per person). In order to make a deputation, requests must be made in writing to Audrey Amo at accommodationreviews@tdsb.on.ca by Monday, November 30, 2015 at 4 p.m. Requests must include: the name, address, email, and phone number of the speaker; the topic that will be addressed; and the name of the organization represented (if applicable). Those who cannot attend the meeting can submit a written deputation by email to accommodationreviews@tdsb.on.ca.

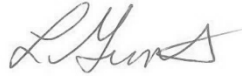
If you have any questions about the selection of the PARC members or about the Pupil Accommodation Review process, please do not hesitate to contact your Principal or your local Superintendent of Education.

Throughout the process, you can also stay informed by visiting the TDSB's website at www.tdsb.on.ca/accommodationreviews. From the drop-down menu, select: Pupil Accommodation Reviews, then select: 2015 - Toronto-Danforth Review. Meeting dates and times may change. Please visit the website for the latest information or your school office.

Sincerely,



Mike Gallagher
Superintendent of Education, WR10



Lucy Giannotta
Superintendent of Education, ER11

cc. Jennifer Story, Trustee, Ward 15
cc. Sheila Cary-Meagher, Trustee, Ward 16

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French	Le présent document contient des renseignements importants. Veuillez le montrer à une personne qui comprend l'anglais écrit ou au bureau de votre école qui prendra les dispositions requises pour engager un interprète ou un traducteur.
Bengali	এই ডকুমেন্ট গুরুত্বপূর্ণ কিছু তথ্য আছে। দয়া করে এমন একজনের কাছে এটি নিয়ে যান যিনি ইংরেজি পড়তে পারেন, অথবা আপনার স্কুল অফিসে যান যেন তাঁরা একজন দোভাষী বা অনুবাদকের ব্যবস্থা করতে পারেন।
Chinese	此文件含有重要资讯。请找一能阅读英文的人替你翻译或将文件带到你的学校办事处以便他们能替你安排一口译员或翻译员。
Greek	Το παρόν έγγραφο περιέχει σημαντικές πληροφορίες. Δώστε το σε κάποιον που διαβάζει και κατανοεί αγγλικά ή αποσταθείτε στο γραφείο Διεύθυνσης του Σχολείου σας, το οποίο θα φροντίσει να σας προσφέρει υπηρεσίες διερμηνείας ή μετάφρασης.
Gujarati	આ દસ્તાવેજમાં થઈ જ મહત્વની માહિતી છે. મહેરબાની કરીને જે અંગ્રેજી વાંચી શકતા હોય અથવા તો શાળાની ઓફિસમાં લઈ જાવ જેથી કરીને તેઓ ઈ-ટર્ગીટર અથવા ટ્રાન્સલેટરની સગવડ કરી શકે.
Urdu	اس دستاویز میں اہم معلومات ہیں۔ براہ کرم اسے کسی انگریزی پڑھ سکنے والے شخص کے پاس یا اپنے اسکول کے دفتر میں لے جائیں تاکہ وہ کسی ترجمان یا مترجم کا انتظام کرسکیں۔