

tdsb Connects

June 2021

Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to TDSB Connects, an update on news and events from across the Toronto District School Board.

Government Announcement: Students Will Not Return to In-Person Learning – The Government of Ontario has [announced](#) that all school boards in Ontario, including the TDSB, will not return to in-person learning for this school year. For more information, please read the [letter to all parents/guardians](#).

Virtual Budget Town Halls – The TDSB is holding two [virtual Budget Town Halls](#) to ensure that all members of the community, including parents/guardians, have the opportunity to hear directly from staff about the 2021-22 budget, ask questions and share feedback. Join us on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at [11 a.m.](#) or [7 p.m.](#) to take part in the [Budget Town Halls](#).

Graduations and End-of-Year Activities – TDSB schools will continue with their previously planned virtual graduation ceremonies. Read our [full message](#) here.

COVID-19 Vaccines – All youth aged 12 and older, are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are safe, effective and are the best way to protect your child, your family, and your community from COVID-19. Vaccines will help students and families to safely resume normal activities as soon as possible. Learn more about vaccines for youth and how to get vaccinated [here](#).

2021-2022 School Year Calendar – The Ministry of Education has approved the TDSB's [2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#). The first day of classes for students will be September 9, 2021. Visit the TDSB website for the [full calendar](#), including PA days and holidays.

Return of Borrowed Student Devices – In preparation for the 2021-22 school year, families are asked to [return borrowed devices](#) (e.g. iPad, Chromebook, Internet

Hub) to any TDSB school between Monday, June 14 and Friday, July 2 (for elementary schools) and Friday, July 9 (for secondary schools) between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please note that June 14 is the first day of collection, not the deadline for return. Some families have requested to return borrowed devices before the end of the school year, and we want to accommodate those requests. All students who need to keep the device until the end of the school year can do so.

Selection Form for In-Person or Virtual Learning (2021-22) – The TDSB will be asking families to complete an online Selection Form for In-Person or Virtual Learning in mid-August. At that time, families will have up-to-date information on the status of the pandemic and vaccinations for school staff and students, and will be in a better position to make an informed decision. [Visit the TDSB website for more information, available in multiple languages.](#)

Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement - The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement hosted a [virtual event](#) on June 1 to celebrate the launch of the Centre. The Centre is dedicated to improving the experiences and outcomes for Black students. It aims to be responsive to the voices of Black communities who have advocated for systemic change within educational institutions and for dismantling anti-Black racism at the TDSB. To learn more follow [@tdsb_cebsa](#) on Twitter and sign-up for the [mailing list](#).

Secondary Credit Summer Programs – Registration is open for Secondary Credit Programs including: Grade 8 Summer Reach Ahead, Remote Credit Recovery, Remote Summer Full Credit, Co-op, Dual Credit and School Within A College (SWAC). Please note that space is limited, and courses may fill up prior to the close of registration. For more information and to register, visit www.creditprograms.ca.

International Languages: Elementary and African Heritage (ILE-AH) Summer Program – This free summer online program welcomes JK to Grade 8 students to learn a language (except for English and French) or African Heritage for 2.5 hours a day, Monday to Friday from July 5 to 30, 2021. [Learn more and register online today.](#)

Adult ESL Summer Program - Adult learners will have an opportunity to improve their English online this summer from July 5 to July 30. A broad range of English as a Second Language classes will be available, from beginner to advanced levels. Registration opens June 21, 2021. Learn more by visiting www.ESLtoronto.ca.

Learn4Life Adult General Interest Summer Program – Learn a new skill or take up a hobby online this summer with courses in art, computers, fitness and wellness, languages, and much more! Registration is now open with courses beginning July 5, 2021. View our online brochure by visiting www.learn4life.ca.

Let's Connect – Join us on June 22 at 6:30 p.m. for the first webinar in a new series called Let's Connect with TDSB Professional Support Services staff and Mental Health and Well-Being Leads. Our first conversation will be about transitioning to summer. [Learn more](#).

History and Heritage Months – In June, the TDSB recognizes [National Indigenous History Month](#), [Italian Heritage Month](#), [Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month](#) and [Pride Month](#).

TDSB Update – Sign-up for [TDSB Update](#) and stay informed about recent Board decisions and more district-wide news.