

CHAIR'S REPORT

APRIL 25 TO MAY 16



300 students took part in a different kind of lesson on Thursday, May 2, as they spent the morning at Queen's Park in the company of International Language Instructors, teachers, community members, parents and school board trustees.



TCDSB letter to provincial government regarding cuts to Public Health



TCDSB letter to Mayor John Tory in support of school nutrition programs



Letters from Director and Chair for Catholic Education Week, World Principal's Day and Swim Meet.

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Trustee Nancy Crawford brought remarks from TCDSB at Province Wide Mass. Celebrating "Living as Joyful Disciples" this Catholic Education Week 2019.

Trustee Del Grande and I will communicate and consult with trustees about any local issues within 24 hours of becoming aware of them.

Any invitations to events will be directed from our offices directly to the local trustee.

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OAPCE President Annalisa Crudo-Perri and Trustee Angela Kennedy join me at the 89th OCSTA Annual General Meeting

HARDWORKING TCDSB TRUSTEES AT OCSTA AGM



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April 25 to 27

OCSTA AGM. Attended by Vice Chair Mike Del Grande and Trustees Markus De Domenico TCDSB Directors on OCSTA and Chair Maria Rizzo, Trustees Garry Tanuan, Nancy Crawford, Norm Di Pasquale, Teresa Lubinski, and Angela Kennedy.

April 26

Mayor's Annual Cricket Tournament. Attended with Trustee Norm Di Pasquale and Associate Director Dan Koenig.



Brought greetings on behalf of TCDSB to the Mayor's Annual Cricket Tournament. ABOVE: Congratulating champions from Blessed Sacrament Catholic School.

April 27

Attended the Labour Relations Seminar with Director of Education Rory McGuckin.

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April 29

International Language Meeting

Attended St Norbert Design Meeting - Site Expansion

April 30

Attended Living Our Catholic Values Committee

Honoured to join friends and families for day of mourning for fallen workers.

Attended Press Conference with TDSB, community representatives and City Councillors regarding school nutrition program.

Attended Humber Summit Education Forum with Trustees Ida LiPreti and Daniel Di Giorgio. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Opposition was the Guest Speaker.

May 1

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between Portuguese Government and TCDSB with Director of Education Rory McGuckin.

TCDSB Budget Consultation Meeting with Trustees Nancy Crawford, Angela Kennedy, Daniel Di Giorgio, Norm Di Pasquale, Garry Tanuan Mike Del Grande, Teresa Lubinski, IDA LiPreti and Markus De Domenico.

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM



Press conference at Toronto City Hall attended by Mayor John Tory, TDSB, City Councillors, former Public Health Chair Joe Mihevc and community organizations.

May 2

Excursion to Queen's Park. Thank you to Queen's Park staffers for amazing job with student tours. Special thanks to trustee colleagues, OAPCE, former TCDSB Chair and pioneer of IL program Caroline Morgan-Di Giovanni.

Thank you to instructors for the sacrifice of taking an unpaid day to be part of the celebration. Humbled by Ukranian families and their passion and that of the Filipino and Mandarin delegation that ventured from Scarborough.

Two classes from St. Norbert by far the greatest. They weathered the rain and travelled to Queen's Park on TTC. So proud! **Gold star goes to Trustee Joe Martino who took the school bus for first time ever, with 68 kids to Queens Park from Etobicoke North and back.**



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May 2

Student Achievement and Well Being Committee

In solidarity with leaders from across Toronto representing many faith communities, and survivors, in remembering victims of the Holocaust.

May 3

Meeting with Principal, Parent Council Chair and Superintendent regarding secondary school issues

May 6

TCDSB Awards Night



Education Town Hall Meeting attended by NDP Leader of the Official Opposition, Thanks to Vice Chair Mike Del Grande for participation with staff and trustees in special annual celebration.

May 7

Province wide mass. Thanks to Trustee Nancy Crawford for bringing remarks.

Student Peace Walk



Opening of Italian Canadian Film Festival

Governance and Policy Committee

May 9

Corporate Service Committee

May 10

TSTG Governance Committee

May 13

By-law Review Committee

May 14

Safe Schools Elementary Bullying Prevention Symposium

May 15

Asian Heritage Mass and Cultural Expose

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From: Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services <MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 12:47 PM
To: Botticella, Paola (Executive Office)
Subject: Message from the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Lisa MacLeod



May 10, 2019

Dear Maria,

Thank you for contacting me and members of our government regarding the Ontario Autism Program (OAP). I appreciate hearing from you and I would like to share with you the details of a number of enhancements to the program and about our consultations happening this month.

Since our initial announcement on February 6, 2019, I have heard important concerns from families and others across the province. Parents were right when they said children on the autism spectrum have different needs. We are listening, and we invite you to provide us with additional input.

Parents also told us that income testing restricts access to funding. We've listened, and we are eliminating income testing from the OAP. This will give more families access to full Childhood Budgets. All children and youth under the age of 18, with a written diagnosis of autism from a qualified professional, will be eligible for a Childhood Budget. Children under the age of six will receive \$20,000 annually in direct funding, while those age six and over will receive \$5,000 annually.

We've heard from many parents that they wanted to spend their Childhood Budget on speech language pathology, occupational therapy and physiotherapy, so we are including that choice. Families will now have access to a broader range of eligible services.

We are consulting with families, clinicians and other experts to assess how our government can better support children and youth with complex needs. Public consultations are ongoing this month, through an [online survey](#) and [telephone town halls](#).

The information will be analyzed and reviewed, and shared with an advisory panel of experts including individuals with lived experience. Their advice will be considered as we make further enhancements to the program later this year.

In the meantime, we want families to have a smooth transition into the new program. Children who currently have a behaviour plan through the OAP and remain eligible under the OAP Guidelines will be able to renew their plan for an additional six months at its current level of intensity.

We continue to be committed to moving all 23,000 children off the waitlist within the next 18 months. Children will be brought off the waitlist based on a combination of the time they have been waiting for service and with a continued focus on early intervention. Considerations will also be made for children who are five years old and 17 years old to help maximize funding for them. Families on the waitlist for service will all be contacted to join a central waitlist and apply for a Childhood Budget.

If you have additional questions about how the program will work, I encourage you to contact the dedicated Autism Service Ontario toll-free number at 1-888-284-8340. You may also wish to visit [our website](#) for the latest information.

We remain firmly committed to helping all families receive critical supports and services faster and not having children and youth wait for years before getting help.

Again, thank you for writing.

Kindest regards,

Hon. Lisa MacLeod
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Minister Responsible for Women's Issues, Immigration and Poverty Reduction

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