



# Special Education Superintendent Update

## November 2017

### Mental Health

- November 2017 saw the introduction of a collaboration between TCDSN Student Mental Health and Well-Being and CSLIT (Catholic Student Leadership) to create a student focuses video series aimed at raising secondary student awareness of TCDSB Mental Health programs, services, and policies, as well as important information about youth mental health and well-being. The video series will be launched in May 2018 to coincide with Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.
- Nov. November 29-30, 2017: 2 days of PD for grade 7/8 Health and Physical Education Teachers highlighting the connection between the HPE curriculum and Student Mental Health and Well-Being. This PD is a collaboration between TCDSB Health and Physical Education, TCDSB Student Mental Health, and Toronto Public Health.

### Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- Some of our D/HH students, their families and teachers will attend a hockey game together as guests of the Toronto Marlies in a box suite on November 29<sup>th</sup>, at Ricoh Coliseum. This event will support an enrichment experience for D/HH students to socialize and communicate with one another in a positive learning environment.

### Behaviour

- TCDSB is implementing the new delivery model for CPI starting on the Nov. 17th PD day. The new model consists of a 3 hour independent on-line component and a one day in class training. Both components will be offered on PD days. Participants will continue to register for CPI on P.A.L. Once the participant registers they will be e-mailed instructions on how to access and complete the on-line component.
- This November new staff in our Behaviour ISP Programs will have the opportunity to take part in SNAP training (Stop Now and Plan).
- We are organizing training in 'Zones of Regulation' to all ISP Behaviour Staff on the Dec. 1st Professional Development day
- We have purchased 42 new Lexia licenses to be shared among the ISP Behaviour Programs to supplement language instruction

### Autism

The Autism Department is offering a transition workshop to parents on November 11<sup>th</sup>, as per attached flyer in collaboration with Surrey Place.



## **AUTISM PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

### **Transition Planning Workshop for Parents of Children with Autism in Grades 7 and 8**



*Supporting Students to Grow and Learn in New Environments*

**Date: November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Location: St. Mary Secondary School 66 Dufferin Park  
Ave, Toronto, ON M6H 1J6 Library**

**Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

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