



Trustee **Robin Pilkey**

Ward 7, Parkdale-High Park



Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year. I hope you and your family had a restful and safe summer.

As TDSB Chair and Trustee for Parkdale-High Park, I wanted to begin by apologizing to students and families who have been impacted by the busing issues this fall. We are working to find a solution for each family as soon as possible. We are also working with staff to come up with new processes for the future. Thank you for your patience during this time.

I am pleased to welcome a number of new Superintendents of Education into our ward this year. On the reverse side of this letter you will find your superintendent and their contact information in case you need to contact them directly. As you settle into this school year, we have created a webpage with key information and resources including homework tips and the school year calendar. Learn more at www.tdsb.on.ca/needtoknow.

As a parent/guardian, there are many ways to participate in your child's education. One way is through the school council which acts as an important forum for student, parent and community voices and advises the principal and the Board on important school issues. To learn more about school councils contact your school or visit www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolcouncil.

I also wanted to share some good news with you about school repairs. In June, we received an additional \$257 million in funding for school repairs from the Ministry of Education. The additional money means the TDSB will invest a total of \$579 million in schools by the end of August 2017. This is a clear concern here in Ward 7, where the majority of schools were built decades ago.

We have posted [extensive data on the website](#) about the condition of the TDSB's schools. This includes repairs listed on a school-by-school basis and is part of our commitment to be more open and transparent with parents, students and community members.

As part of our ongoing Solar Schools projects, three additional schools in Ward 7 will have solar panels installed – Humbercrest Public School, Runnymede Collegiate Institute and Warren Park Junior Public School. The solar panel project has enabled the Board to replace more than 300 roofs across the district, including many in Ward 7.

Finally, to stay informed please join my Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/TDSBWard7Counci and sign up for my e-newsletter by visiting my webpage at www.tdsb.on.ca/ward7. For system wide news about the TDSB, visit www.tdsb.on.ca/TDSBupdate.

Thank you and I look forward to working in partnership with you this year,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robin Pilkey'.

Robin Pilkey, Chair
Trustee for TDSB Ward 7
Parkdale – High Park



Who to contact when you have questions or concerns about issues in the classroom, your school or the TDSB

1 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



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2 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

3 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

4 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

Learn more about the days and months we mark at the TDSB at www.tdsb.on.ca/aboutus/calendar

PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 5, 2016
Board-wide PA Day	October 7, 2016
Thanksgiving	October 10, 2016
Board-wide PA Day	November 18, 2016
Board-wide PA Day	December 2, 2016
Christmas Break	December 26, 2016 to January 6, 2017 (inclusive) Last day of school is December 23, 2016 School resumes January 9, 2017
Elementary PA Day	January 20, 2017*
Secondary PA Day - (Semestered Schools only)	February 2, 2017
Board-wide PA Day	February 17, 2017
Family Day	February 20, 2017
March Break	March 13 to 17, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017
Victoria Day	May 22, 2017
Elementary School PA Day	June 9, 2017
Secondary School PA Day (Full Year Schools only)	June 28, 2017*
Secondary School PA Day	June 29, 2017
Board-wide PA Day	June 30, 2017

*High School Semester Change: The first day of second semester is February 3, 2017. Secondary school calendar includes a PA day for semestered schools only on February 2, 2017 and a PA Day for full-year schools only on June 28, 2017.