



Trustee  
**Zakir Patel**

Ward 19, Scarborough-Guildwood

I am filled with anticipation and excitement for the opportunities and growth that lie ahead for TDSB students and communities.

As the elected public school board trustee for your community, my role is to advocate for you and your child and represent the needs of all students and families in the Toronto District School Board (TDSB).

This past school year, we tackled several critical issues, including cell phone use in schools, social media, and academic achievement. These initiatives are at the heart of our commitment to creating productive and supportive learning environments for all students. Despite the financial challenges we've faced in recent years, we continue to maintain important supports for students while advocating for the Ministry to provide the necessary and sustainable support and adjustments for the TDSB to deliver the highest quality education. For more details about our efforts and the key issues we have highlighted, please review our advocacy letters available on our public webpage.

I am thrilled to share the recently launched 2024-28 Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP), which was developed through extensive collaboration and focuses on high achievement, student well-being, and accountability. We are committed to excellence and addressing the unique needs of each student. Engaging parents, guardians, caregivers, and community partners remains an important part of our strategy in the coming years.

We are also developing a new Cell Phone/Mobile Device Use in Schools Policy, aimed at enhancing student success, belonging, and well-being. A pre-consultation was conducted earlier this spring to gather feedback from school and community partners, ensuring the policy will meet legislative requirements and align with best practices.

To ensure you and your child have a great year ahead, I invite you to explore our website [tdsb.on.ca](https://tdsb.on.ca) for information about the school year calendar, transportation, ways to get involved, as well as helpful resources for the upcoming school year.

I also encourage you to follow us on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [Instagram](#), and [Threads](#) for regular updates and news. Rest assured, important information will still be communicated to you via email from both your school and the school board. You can sign up for my e-newsletter and visit my webpage at [tdsb.on.ca/Ward19](https://tdsb.on.ca/Ward19)

We will be ready to welcome students back for the first day of the 2024-25 school year on September 3, 2024. I am here to support you every step of the way, ensuring a successful and rewarding educational journey for your child.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zakir Patel".

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