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PCCEO UPDATES

2023 – 2024 School Council Innovation Grant (SCIG) Application

The [School Council Innovation Grant](#) (SCIG) is funded by the [Engagement GSN](#). The Board received an allocation of \$263,500 for projects that demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents/caregivers in students' educational experiences. From these funds, \$160,000 (61%) was allocated to support the SCIG. The grant application went live on September 20, 2023, and closed on November 3, 2023. There were 273 applications requesting a total of \$417,255.14. Decisions were released on November 24, 2023. Further information on the SCIG can be found on the SCIG web page.

- On Friday, November 24, 2023, during the process of notifying school councils about the status of their grant application, we experienced a technical issue during the mail merging of files that resulted in applicants receiving multiple conflicting communications regarding their grant application status. Some School Councils received a notification that their application had been approved when it had not. Immediately after becoming aware of what had occurred, all applicants were notified of the error and our office has taken the following steps to rectify the situation:
- On Monday, November 27, 2023, all applicants received a communication that outlined the error that occurred along with the next steps, and the SCIG [FAQ](#) was updated to provide information on the error
- On Tuesday, November 28, all successful applicants received a phone call to confirm their success and the amount. The phone call was followed up with an email with the funding agreement. Unsuccessful applicants were also contacted by an e-mail that outlined the reason (e.g. did not meet eligibility criteria or limited funds) for being declined and the opportunity to [appeal the decision](#).
- The [applicants'](#) list is viewable by trustee, school, or project.
- This interim update is in response to the request for a report and will be followed up with an end-of-year summary of activities.

SCIG and Model School for Inner City

- Of the 273 applicants 93 were Model Schools and 45 were approved with a total allocation of \$62,320.



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Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact
Shadi.MousaviZanjani@tdsb.on.ca

PIAC Refresher/Orientation Sessions-Mark Your Calendar

Sessions will be held on:

- Thursday, February 22, 2023, 6:00 pm

PIAC E-mail Accounts

All PIAC members' account has been opened and credentials have been sent to your email address. Please send an email using your TDSB email address.

The PCCE has set up a process to request for IT support. The IT Request form has a link, and the electronic link was sent to all members of PIAC. To ensure a timely response, it is important that the form be filled out as completely as possible. In October, there were 3 requests from PIAC, and all three requestors had a follow-up with John Manalo to clarify the request. The accounts were checked for activation and the reminder of credentials was sent to the requestors.

Please connect with John.Manalo@tdsb for support.

New Online Vulnerable Sector Check Process for Volunteers

Effective September 05, 2023, TDSB volunteers who reside in Toronto can complete the Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) online. We strongly encourage all volunteers to complete the VSC online. Please visit <https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/> to register for an account using the TDSB Code: 202309TPSOND7EFC. The cost of \$26.72+tax can be paid with Visa, Visa Debit, MasterCard, or American Express.

TDB System Calendar

Want to know what activities/events are taking place on the board? Visit the system calendar at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar>

TDSB Connects

TDSB Connects is a monthly electronic newsletter for parents/guardians with information about news and events from across the Toronto District School Board. If you are a parent/guardian who doesn't currently receive TDSB Connects, please contact your local



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school to ensure your email address is up to date in your child's student contact record. To sign up visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/Newsletters/TDSB-Connects/Sep-27-2021>

INFORMATION SHARING

International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Programs (ILE/AH)

International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Program (ILE/AH) is an enriching learning experience for K-8 students to learn a new language and discover other cultures. No language background is necessary. In the African Heritage program, students will learn about Black culture and the contributions of people of African descent. Open to all TDSB and non-TDSB students, programs are currently offered online and will be switching to in-person for September 2022 in schools across the city. Classes are 2.5 hours and held once a week after school and/or Saturdays for 30 weeks.

If your school **does not** currently run an ILE/AH program, please reach out to the ILE/AH team by writing to jolly.yang@tdsb.on.ca. We can help coordinate with your school's principal. For more information, please visit www.ileprograms.ca.

Would you like to receive news, updates, and registration information via email? [Please subscribe to our ILE/AH E-newsletter](#).

Middle French Immersion

The entry point to Middle French Immersion for the September 2024/25 school year is **Grade 4**.

The application to the Middle French Immersion program will remain an online process and applications must be completed online between **January 8 and February 2, 2024**. An offer of placement in the program (**not** a specific school) is guaranteed to all eligible on-time applicants. Families with an older sibling currently in a Middle French Immersion program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Interested families can apply via the [Application Link](#).

At any time, please visit the [TDSB French website](#) to view a [video](#) that provides information about the TDSB French Language programs as well as the application and placement process in the Early French Immersion and the Middle French Immersion programs. More information about the Middle French Immersion Program is available in [22 languages](#), or



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visit the [Information Sessions](#) website for related links to join a live Zoom webinar about the application process.

TDSB Parent/Caregiver Literacy Site: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Family-and-Caregivers>

TDSB Early Instruction Guide:
https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/EarlyYears/docs/TDSBEarlyReadingInstruction_Family_CaregiverGuide_Final.pdf

TDSB French Resources for Parents/Caregivers of Students in French Programs
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Supporting-Students-at-Home>

TDSB Math Program-Supports for Parents/Caregivers: bit.ly/tdsbmathforfamilies