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and other school-related news. It has been a privilege to serve as your Trustee in 2022.

My goal as your Trustee is to advocate for better pu

...the same level of support as any other part of the city.

...at Derrydown PS, Firgrove PS,

...expansion of breakfast programs. Our focus is on nurturing healthy and ready-to-learn children. Through our Children's Breakfast Club for helping with

...budget reductions over the past five years, I remain committed to ensuring the TDSB relies on provincial funding, which is within the existing budget framework. I encourage

you to join me in advocating for our schools and students over the next three years as we strive to improve the school system in Toronto.

Looking ahead, I am hopeful for the new school year and to seeing the positive impact of these initiatives on our students and community. Let's continue working together to create a brighter future for our children.

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## TDSB NEWS

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### Motion to Save Learn4Life Languages Program

As Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, a large part of my time at the TDSB is spent trying to find efficiencies and prevent cuts to important educational resources for our students and our community. The Ministry of Education continues to underfund school boards across Ontario, many of which had to run a deficit last year to avoid serious cuts.

At the TDSB, the story is no different. Faced with having to cut resources, I am committed to ensuring that our students and community are not affected by these cuts.

### Capital Repairs

Several schools in the neighborhood underwent construction to improve the infrastructure and additional outdoor amenities for students to use and enjoy. Some of the ongoing improvements include playgrounds, walkways, artificial fields, and more.

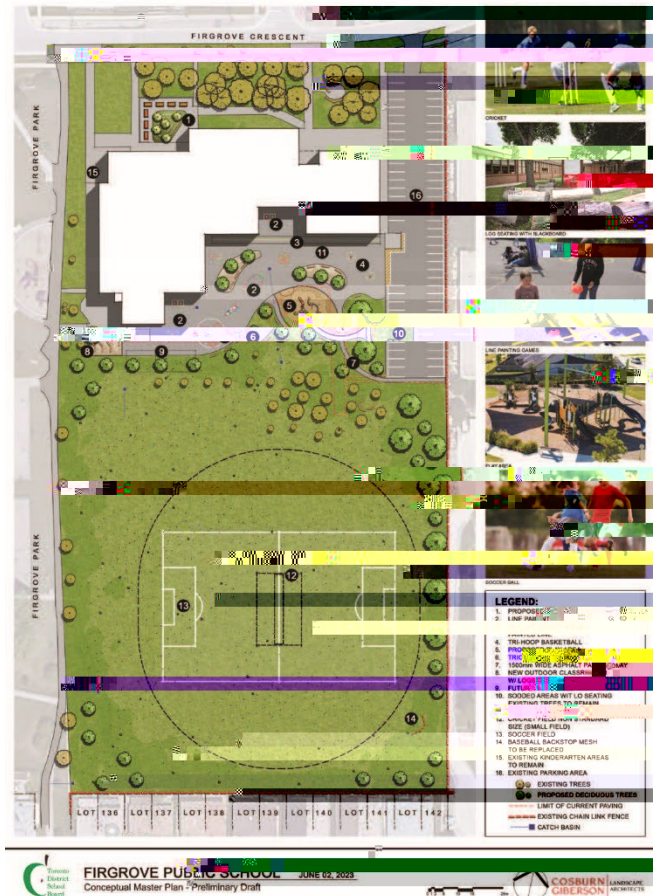
Some of these schools include:

- Yorkwoods PS: New playground and play areas
- Gosford PS: New playground, improved grounds
- Driftwood PS: Portables removed, new playground
- Gulfstream PS: New playground, improved back access

Figure 1: Unveiling Daystrom Public School's new artificial field.



Figure 2 Firgrove PS Updates



### Firgrove PS

- Firgrove PS: Renovated garden and outdoor learning area at front of school. Includes new planters, paving, tree planting and seating.

- Firgrove PS: The renovated Full Day Kindergarten area features new climbing play structures, a small artificial turf court, sand play, raised planters, seating, line painting, and tree planting. The main play area includes a new play structure, replacement of old asphalt with a new walking running loop connected to adjacent neighbors, tree planting, seating options for students, new basketball opportunities, and line painting.
- Lamberton PS: New playground
- Elia MS: New track field, new soccer fields, new play areas, improved grounds
- Brookview MS: Replacing concrete paving at the main entrance, adding planting and student seating. Enhancing drop-off pick-up areas and pedestrian access. Upgrading the main play area with artificial turf, basketball courts, an outdoor stage, lounging areas, tree planting, and seating. Seating for an outdoor classroom, games tables, picnic benches, and table tennis. Adding a ramp for barrierfree access to Door 7, concrete benches, and bike racks.
- More work is coming Oakdale Park MS and Derrydown PS are scheduled for consultation in the coming year.

## Working To Make Our Schools Better

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### Cellphone and Devices Consultation

We are also developing a new Cellphone/Mobile Device Use in Schools Policy, aimed at enhancing students' success, belonging, and wellbeing.

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. More on this will come in the fall.

### Financial Literacy Momno



School CALENDAR for 2024–2025

PA DAYS & HOLIDAYS	Date
Labour Day	September 2, 2024
Elementary PA Day	September 27, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	October 11, 2024
Thanksgiving	October 14, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	November 15, 2024
Board-wide PA Day	November 29, 2024
Winter Break	December 23, 2024, to January 3, 2025
Elementary PA Day	January 17, 2025
Secondary PA Day	January 30, 2025
Board-wide PA Day	February 14, 2025

March Break

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