



## Ontario Holding Community Consultations on Improving Toronto District School Board Governance

Consultations to Review Governance Structure at the Toronto District School April 8, 2015 11:30 A.M.

In response to Margaret Wilson's <u>report</u> outlining governance concerns, Ontario is moving forward with its commitment to review the governance structure at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) with the launch of the public consultations.

Torontonians are invited to attend in-person sessions at locations across Toronto. The first session will take place on April 13, 2015 at the North Toronto Community Centre. Those interested in participating can register and get more information on the consultations website.

In addition, community members can share their ideas <u>online</u>. Comments can be provided until 5 p.m. on May 30, 2015.

Consultations will be conducted by the TDSB Governance Advisory Panel. The <u>seven-member</u> <u>advisory panel</u> was appointed by the province to lead the public consultations and will make recommendations to the Minister of Education in the summer of 2015.

Improving the governance of the TDSB is part of the government's economic plan for Ontario. The four-part plan is building Ontario up by investing in people's talents and skills, building new public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, supportive environment where business thrives and building a secure savings plan so everyone can afford to retire.

## **QUOTES**

"Hearing from the Toronto community is important and that's why the public will have opportunities to provide their ideas and comments. This feedback will provide the TDSB Governance Advisory Panel with valuable information as the panel examines possible ways to improve the structure of the TDSB."

Liz Sandals
 Minister of Education

"We want to hear the ideas of the TDSB community - what is the TDSB doing well to support student achievement and well-being for all students, and what could be improved? Your input will help us to make recommendations for a more effective governance structure at the TDSB that better serves students and the community and inspires public confidence"

- Barbara Hall

Barbara Hall, Chair, TDSB Governance Advisory Panel

## **QUICK FACTS**

- The Toronto District School Board is the largest and one of the most diverse school boards in Canada. There are approximately 246,000 students attending nearly 600 schools.
- In response to Margaret Wilson's report on January 15, 2015, the Minister of Education provided directions to the board to address specific governance concerns.
- On March 16, 2015, the Minister of Education appointed an advisory panel to lead the public consultations on the TDSB.
- The panel will look at how governance at the TDSB can be improved to more effectively serve all parents, students and school communities and to increase public confidence.

## **LEARN MORE**

- Biographies of the panel members
- Margaret Wilson's report on the TDSB
- Submit your ideas

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