

# Board Highlights

DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

On Monday, September 21, 2020, the Durham District School Board held its monthly Board Meeting in a virtual online format. To view the streamed broadcast of the Board Meeting in its entirety click [here](#).

## Ministry Memorandums and Information Update

Acting Director of Education Norah Marsh informed the Board of Trustees that a recent memorandum from the Ministry of Education removes the principal's discretion to suspend students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 for certain activities. It is advised that positive behaviour intervention strategies be implemented in these situations.

## Learning Disabilities Association Scholarship



Chloe Stanton of O'Neil CVI accepts the 2020 Learning Disabilities Association Scholarship Award.

On behalf of the Learning Disabilities Association of Durham Region (LDADR) and the Durham District School Board, Superintendent Andrea McAuley presented the 2020 Learning Disabilities Association Scholarship Award worth \$1,000 to Chloe Stanton from O'Neill CVI. Each year this award is presented to a student with a learning disability to assist them to pursue their post-secondary studies.

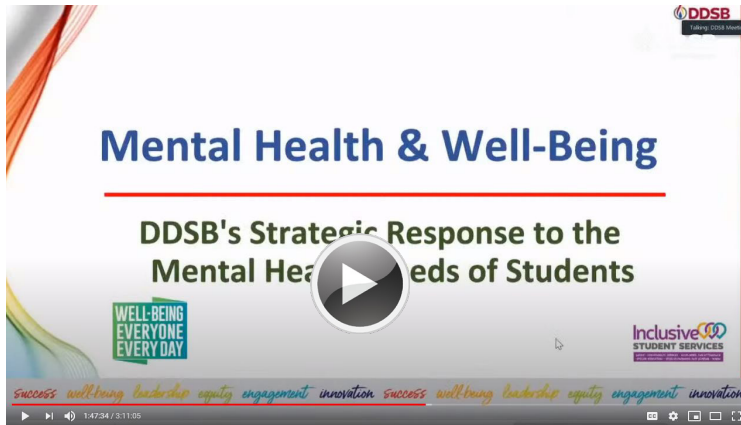
## Return to School Update



Acting Director of Education Norah Marsh, Acting Associate Director of Academic Services Jim Markovski and Superintendents of Education Heather Mundy and Stephen Nevills presented the Board of Trustees with updates regarding DDSB's Return to School. They discussed the following topics:

- The need to be responsive as a system in changing circumstances
- A review of DDSB@Home scheduling and timetabling
- Staffing requirements for DDSB@Home and in-person learning
- Support for student transitions between DDSB@Home and in-person learning

## Mental Health & Well-Being



Superintendent of Education Andrea McAuley introduced Chief of Psychological Services Steve Graffi, Mental Health Lead Steffanie Pelleboer and Chief of Social Work Carolyn Ussher to present about the tiered approach to Mental Health and Well-Being supports in place for students across the Durham District School Board.

They explained the following key messages and commitments that will cater to the mental health needs of students:

- Mental health and well-being are our priorities.
- We will lead with compassion and empathy.
- Schools are an excellent place to promote and protect student mental health.
- We have strong mental health foundations to build on.
- We are stronger together.

## DDSB Good News



Click on the image to watch the Good News presented to the Board on Monday, September 21, 2020, narrated by Pine Ridge Secondary School students Jermaine and Khloe.

## Recommendations and Information Items

The Board approved the following recommendations:

- Report: Standing Committee Meeting of September 8, 2020
- Report: SEAC Meeting of May 21, 2020
- Report: SEAC Meeting of June 18, 2020
- Report: Education Finance Committee Meeting of July 2, 2020 & July 8, 2020
- Accommodation Plan: Trend Issues & Future Opportunities 2020-2024
- Short-Term Borrowing Resolution

The following Information Items were brought forward:

### Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress

This report provided the Board of Trustees with an update on the quarterly report of current construction and major projects.

### Crossing Guards

A verbal report was provided to the Board of Trustees on the hiring of crossing guards under the jurisdiction of the various municipalities within the DDSB. The Board of Trustees passed a motion to write a letter to the Town of Ajax highlighting the importance of crossing guards to ensure the safety and well-being of students in response to a recent Town staff report recommending the removal of lunch time crossing guards at most locations.

## Regular Board and Committee Meetings

### Standing Committee Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2020  
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.

### Board Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2020  
Public Session — 7:00 p.m.



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