

Toronto District School Board

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TDSB Consulting Community on 2013/2014 Budget Trustees Hold Ward Forums to Hear from Community

In the coming weeks, Toronto District School Board Trustees will be holding ward forums on the 2013/2014 budget.

Each year, Trustees hold ward forums to hear from their communities about the recommendations that are being considered in order for the Board to meet the requirement under the *Education Act* to pass a balanced budget.

Recommendations look at a number of options to find efficiencies, change the way the Board delivers services, and look for areas where spending can be brought closer to Ministry of Education funding levels.

For more information on the 2013/2014 budget, including the ward forum dates, times and locations, please visit: www.tdsb.on.ca/budget.

Quick Facts

- In March, the Board approved approximately \$27.7 million in reductions, however approximately \$27.3 million must still be found to balance the 2013/2014 budget.
- The Board is scheduled to approve its 2013/2014 budget at a Board meeting in June.

- "As always we are working toward a budget that not only addresses the financial pressures faced by the Board, but also has as little impact on our students as possible. It's important that we hear directly from the community as we look to finalize this year's budget."
- Chris Bolton, Chair, TDSB
- "We want our parents, students, and community members to share their priorities with us as we establish our budget for next year. I would encourage our community to make their voices heard by attending their local ward forums."
- Jerry Chadwick, Chair, TDSB Budget Committee

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