

Statement from Minister Sandals Regarding Response to TDSB Governance Advisory Panel Report

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The following statement was issued today by Liz Sandals, Minister of Education, in response to the report by Barbara Hall and Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Governance Advisory Panel:

"I would like to thank Barbara Hall and the panel for their thoughtful report on improving school board governance at the TDSB. I know they put in a lot of time and hard work into this process. I would also like to thank the parents, staff and community members from across Toronto who took the time to participate in the community consultations. Lastly, I want to thank the TDSB staff, trustees, and community who supported the work of the panel.

The report includes 20 recommendations on how to improve school board governance and restore public confidence at the TDSB.

The Ministry of Education has reviewed the 20 recommendations and will:

- Give the new interim director of education and trustees the opportunity to make the necessary governance and operational changes in the school board, with the support of the ministry, given the progress that has already been made at the TDSB. The province will not be placing the board under supervision.
- Support the TDSB in the implementation of the recommendations that are currently within TDSB's power, such as clarifying the role of trustees and undertaking regular board self-assessments.
- Support the TDSB in the implementation of the recommendation to restructure its administrative organization by creating regional education centres led by associate directors to provide more direct support to local schools and their students.
- Consult with our education partners on the recommendations that could have province-wide implications.

On Wednesday evening, the TDSB appointed John Malloy as the Interim Director of the Toronto District School Board. I have every confidence that Dr. Malloy's wealth of experience and expertise, along with his demonstrated commitment to all students, will be invaluable to the TDSB.

I am optimistic that by working together with the new interim director, trustees, staff and the school community, we can continue to strengthen our partnership that is focused on high levels of student achievement and that well-being can resume at the TDSB — the largest and most diverse school board in Canada.