Message from Trustee and Chair Robin Pilkey

Dear Friends,

I am writing to update you on some exciting initiatives that the trustees have been involved with recently.

Firstly, the Trustee Advisory Committee (SEAC) has been working on developing focused recommendations for next steps to improve equity and engagement. They are doing this by exploring and assessing best practices in similar organizations, understanding the work of the Enhancing Equity Task Force, and developing a framework to guide the work.

Secondly, the Board of Trustees has approved an extensive budget review and priority setting exercise through the Master Plan Parkdale Collegiate Institute. The project, initiated by parents, started with the development of a master plan that included a needs assessment and a budget proposal. The school recognizes that Parkdale serves as a 'meeting place' in the community. They are excited about the project, which is expected to increase the school's capacity and improve student outcomes.

Thirdly, the TDSB 2017-2018 Operating budget has been approved by the Board of Trustees. The budget includes a savings target of $6M, which is important for the future sustainability of the Board.

Finally, the TDSB is celebrating Asian Heritage Month and encourages all members of the TDSB to celebrate the many contributions and cultural richness of Asian communities in Canada.

Thank you for your support and involvement in our Board. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

Abdul Hai Patel

New Ward 21 Trustee