

## The recent media attention around Oakville Trafalgar High School

We understand that parents/guardians and members of the Halton District School Board (HDSB) community have had questions regarding the recent media attention involving Oakville Trafalgar High School.

First and foremost, the safety, well-being and education of students at all our schools is the HDSB's highest priority.

As trustees, we entrust the day-to-day management of the school board to its staff through the board's Director of Education.

A school board trustee's role is to identify the needs and priorities of their community and to build and maintain relationships with that community, while focusing on student achievement, well-being and equity. Trustees continue to listen to the community and convey inquiries and concerns to the Director. The matter is being treated at the school level as management of teaching staff is the responsibility of the principal and does not fall within the purview of the Board of Trustees. Please note that human resources matters and details about specific staff and students cannot be disclosed.

Given the ongoing attention on OTHS, the HDSB continues to work closely with the Halton Regional Police Service and are deploying prepared safety measures to help ensure the safety of students and staff. Both the HDSB and OTHS are diligently tracking outreach from parents/guardians at the school on this matter and together are implementing a response program to ensure inquiries are addressed. Should any parents/guardians or members of the community have questions, we ask them to contact the Board office at 905-335-3663 or email [contact@hdsb.ca](mailto:contact@hdsb.ca).

Importantly, should students have a mental health, safety or other concern, we encourage them to reach out to a trusted teacher, guidance counsellor, administrator or social worker available at their school or any of the schools within the HDSB.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Margo Shuttleworth Chair of the Board of Trustees, Halton District School Board  
On behalf of the Board of Trustees