



## A-19 Supporting Student Transitions: From Intermediate Grades to Secondary School

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This workshop will provide information to parents/guardians about how to plan a successful transition to secondary school for students on Individual Education Plans (IEPs). We will examine the kinds of educational considerations involved in the transition of students with special education needs moving from the elementary to the secondary school division (Grade 8 to 9). We will review the different kinds of 'accommodations' available in secondary schools and look at program implications for secondary pathways. Parents will receive a tip sheet to help in planning transitions to secondary settings.

### Resources

TDSB Guidance website for parents, [www.tdsb.on.ca/default.aspx?tabid=276](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/default.aspx?tabid=276)

TDSB High School website for parents, [www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool.aspx](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool.aspx)

### Presenters

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Stephen works to meet the needs of students in Learning Centre 3 schools and as a member of the leadership team overseeing TDSB Behaviour Programs. As a member of the TDSB Inner City Advisory Committee, he is a strong advocate for positive relationship building between schools and the families that they support.

#### Laurie Jantzi

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Laurie has a 17 year-old son with special needs. She is passionate about helping her son succeed at school and in life. Laurie has worked in the TDSB for 20 years as a teacher and Special Education Consultant and Coordinator. She enjoys helping parents, students, and school staff work together.

#### Crys Kartos

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Crys works collaboratively with administrators, teachers, and support staff to ensure that their students' needs are being met. Crys also provides consultative support to parents on special education topics and professional development for teachers, especially in the use of computers and assistive technology with students.

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Holly supports students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 by providing support to administrators, teachers and parents on Special Education topics. She is an avid user of technology and uses her expertise in technology to support students, teachers and families.