

# Parents as Partners Conference

Workshop Session: A17, B17

Room: 206A

## What is Assistive Technology?

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

In this workshop we will be discussing assistive technology and how it is beneficial for all students and essential for some. We will be sharing useful tools and how they connect to students' strengths and needs. In the hands-on portion of our presentation we will have stations set up for parents/caregivers to explore the different tools and ask questions. TDSB Special Education - Assistive Technology web page: [www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Special-Education/Assistive-Technology](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Special-Education/Assistive-Technology). Download codes and home use license agreements will be shared on paper.

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Trish has over 15 years of experience as an educator in both regular and special education in the elementary and secondary panels. In her present role, Trish works collaboratively with administrators, teachers, and support staff to ensure that their students' needs are being met. She also provides consultative support to parents on special education topics and professional development for teachers.

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