

# Parents as Partners Conference

Workshop Session: B3

Room: 200C

## Our School... Our Community... Our Space

Community Use of Schools Advisory Committee (CUSAC)

Do you know that TDSB has more than 500 schools available for community use? Do you know you can run a community program in your school in the evenings and on weekends? Are you aware that TDSB permit costs are subsidized for community groups? Would you be interested in learning how to access the list of March Break and summer camps in your community school? This workshop will guide you through the process for permitting schools, permit requirements, spaces available and types of programs you can run in a school. It also highlights schools with spaces that can be offered for free through the Priority Schools Initiative (PSI) Program.

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Ugonma Ekeanyanwu has managed the TDSB's Community Use of Schools department from inception. Leading a team of facilitators, she supervises outreach to promote the use of TDSB school space in the community. The department is also responsible for administering the Priority Schools Initiative (PSI), a program that provides free space in 77 schools to eligible community organizations.

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