



BD-2500 External Presentations and Third-party Speakers Policy

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Purpose

As a learning organization, Trillium Lakelands District School Board values opportunities to enhance Ontario curriculum connections for students and for staff professional development. In accordance with the *Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act*, the Board will ensure that third party guest speakers, performers, and presentations taking place across the district will respect intellectual diversity and open dialogue, and are designed to support school environments that advance freedom of expression, respect our differences, and promote the achievement, safety, well-being, and sense of belonging of students and staff.

To help strengthen public confidence, the Board is committed to ensuring transparency and accountability through detailed communications with families in advance of third-party speakers and external presentations taking place in schools for student audiences. Information about such presentations and events will be clearly communicated to families with a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days advance notice. Schools will be required to communicate any changes to event and presentation planning that occur due to unforeseen circumstances as soon as final arrangements are confirmed.

If you require this information in an accessible format, please contact Communications Services at info@tldsbc.on.ca.