

*"Every young person I've worked with was **one caring adult and one good school** away from a different life. I'm running so our kids get both."*

MY STORY

Started at 17

I founded a youth organization at Jane & Finch while still a student at Westview Centennial. More than twenty years on, it is still going.

What we built

Restorative justice circles, mentorship, job training and business start-ups. Young people who arrived facing charges have left with training, work and companies of their own.

What I was taught

Mentored by civil rights pioneer Bromley Armstrong. My father's rule: "Live clean and let your work be seen." Honoured with Volunteer Toronto's Legacy Award.

Why schools, why now

Every success I have seen began with an adult who believed in a child early. That is the school's job. It is where I want to put the next twenty years.

ROOTS

**Raised at Jane & Finch.
Thistletown Collegiate.
Westview Centennial.
Twenty years serving this ward.**

Vote Monday, *October 26*



SCAN FOR MY FULL PLAN

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Want to help?

I am looking for neighbours to take a lawn sign, knock on a few doors, or just tell me what their school needs. Email me. I answer every message myself.

Where do I vote? Your voting place is printed on the card the City mails you, and you can look it up at toronto.ca/elections. Bring ID showing your name and Toronto address.

Authorized by Antonius Clarke, candidate for TDSB Trustee, Ward 1.

Sources: Social Planning Toronto, Child & Family Poverty Report Card 2026 (2023 data); City of Toronto 2021 Census Ward Profile, Etobicoke North; Wellesley Institute, Inequities in ACEs in Ontario (2025); TDSB 2026–27 staffing plan, Learning Opportunities Index 2023, Caring & Safe Schools Report 2023–24, Financial Facts 2024–25; Putting Student Achievement First Act, S.O. 2026, c. 4.

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ANTONIUS CLARKE

Etobicoke North &
Humber River–Black Creek

Safety. Support. Invest.



**VOTE CLARKE
MON, OCT 26**

1 Safety: neighbourhoods and schools

Violent incidents in TDSB schools reached **410** in 2023–24. Half of all suspensions went to students with special education needs, who are only **15 in 100** students.

I'll push for restorative circles before suspensions, trained staff who know our kids, and school gyms open in the evenings so young people have somewhere safe to be.

2 Wraparound support for kids and families

35 in 100 children in Humber River–Black Creek live in poverty, among the highest in Toronto. In Etobicoke North it is nearly **1 in 4**. Ontarians with the lowest incomes are far more likely to have lived through hard childhood experiences.

I'll push for trauma-informed schools, more child and youth workers, and food, mental health and family support delivered inside the school where families already are.

3 Resources and investment in our schools

6 of our schools sit in the city's top 50 for student hardship. This year the board cut **145** "Model Schools" jobs that paid for extra help in high-need schools. The repair backlog across the TDSB is **\$4.45 billion**.

I'll push for funding that follows need rather than postal code, those support staff restored, and our buildings moved up the repair list instead of waiting their turn.

4 A real voice for our families

The province has run the TDSB since **June 2025**. A new law cut Toronto's trustees from **22 to 12** and moved more power to the province. Each trustee now covers twice the ground with half the say.

I'll hold regular town halls in both communities, report back in plain language, and carry your questions into every meeting. You should never have to guess what the board decided.

THE NUMBERS BEHIND THIS

35/100 Children living in poverty in Humber River–Black Creek, second highest of Toronto's wards.

1 in 4 Children living in poverty in Etobicoke North.

6 Of our schools in the city's top 50 for student hardship, out of 463 elementary schools.

145 Model Schools jobs cut this year.

\$4.45B TDSB repair backlog.

22 → 12 Toronto's trustees under the province's new law.

Ask your principal

- 1** What staff did our school lose this year?
- 2** Who covers that work now?
- 3** How many students were suspended last year?
- 4** How can parents get involved?

Every figure here comes from the school board's own reports, the City of Toronto, Social Planning Toronto and the Province of Ontario. Full sources are on the back panel and at antoniusclarke.com.