



TDSB TRUSTEE · WARD 1

ANTONIUS CLARKE

Etobicoke North & Humber River–Black Creek · Raised at Jane & Finch. Attended Thistletown Collegiate and Westview Centennial.

Safety. Support. Invest.

At 17 I started a youth organization at Jane and Finch, and I have led it for more than twenty years. We have walked young people out of courtrooms and into training, first jobs and businesses of their own. It all points back to one place: the school. That is where a child's future is decided, and that is why I am running.



Safety

Safe schools and safe streets home, for every child.



Wraparound support

Food, mental health and family help, right inside the school.



Resources & investment

Funding by need, staff restored, buildings repaired.



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our communities.

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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, and school gyms open in the evenings so young people have somewhere safe to be.

3 Resources and investment in our schools

6 of our schools are 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 TDSB's repair backlog is **\$4.45 billion**.

I'll push for funding based on need, restored support staff, and our buildings first in line for repairs.

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's nearly **1 in 4**. Ontarians with the lowest incomes are far more likely to have lived through hard childhood experiences (ACEs).

I'll push for trauma-informed schools, more child and youth workers, and food and family support inside the school.

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 area.

I'll hold regular town halls across both communities, report back in plain language, and bring your questions to the table.

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.



SCAN FOR MY FULL PLAN

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Sources: Social Planning Toronto, Child & Family Poverty Report Card 2026 (2023 data); City of Toronto 2021 Census Ward Profile, Etobicoke North (low-income children); 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.