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Wednesday, April 2, 2025

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World Autism Awareness Day

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 2 11:55 pm

Thursday, April 3, 2025

SEAC Meeting

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Monday, April 7, 2025

Standing Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Monday, April 7 7:00 pm

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Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Vimy Ridge Day

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 9 11:55 pm

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Passover/Pesach (April 12-20)

Date and Time: Saturday, April 12 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Tamil and Sinhala New Year (April 13-14)

Date and Time: Sunday, April 13 5:00 pm

Palm Sunday

Date and Time: Sunday, April 13 11:55 pm

Monday, April 14, 2025

Vaisakhi

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Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Education Finance Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 15 6:30 pm

The Durham District School Board (DDSB) will hold its 2025-2026 budget deliberation meetings in the following upcoming public sessions. All meetings will be held in-person at the DDSB Education Centre and will be live-streamed on DDSB's YouTube Live channel.

- **Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**
 - o Public Deputations to the Education Finance Committee
 - o Overview of the 2025-2026 Core Education Funding
- **Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**
 - o Presentation of the 2025-2026 draft budget
- **Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**
 - o Public Deputations to the Education Finance Committee
 - o Presentation of the updated draft budget
- **Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. (if required)**
 - o Presentation of the updated draft budget (if required)

Members of the public and Durham District School Board community groups are welcome to prepare a written submission or make a public presentation to the Education Finance Committee at the April 15, 2025 or May 27, 2025 meetings. Please contact Kristin Talbot, Executive Assistant, at 905-666-6459 or by email at kristin.talbot@ddsb.ca.

- **Requests for the April 15, 2025 meeting must be received no later than April 9, 2025, at noon.**
- **Requests for the May 27, 2025 meeting must be received no later than May 21, 2025, at noon.**

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Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter (Orthodox)

Date and Time: Sunday, April 20 11:55 pm

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First Day of Ridvan

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Yom HaShoah (April 23-24)

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Governance and Policy Committee Meeting

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Address: 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby, L1R 2K6

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