

# What people are saying about Nellie Pedro

"I worked closely with Nellie at the Toronto District School Board. Nellie was one of the eleven Trustees who stood up to the government and refused to make cuts to programs and schools. She has been a fierce advocate for her constituents.



She is hard working and a trustee that knew what was going on in her community. She will once again be a strong force and positive addition to our board."

*Irene Atkinson - TDSB Trustee*



"We need Nellie back at the school board. She is a passionate advocate for her community and she knows how to get things done."

*- Bruce Davis,  
Trustee, Etobicoke Lakeshore*



"Nellie was one of the progressive voices on the TDSB during her term. She advocated for her students and community on all fronts".

*- Stephnie Payne  
TDSB Trustee*

"I have known Nellie for over 20 years. She fought to improve the quality of education and to keep our schools open. I am certain that there is no better person to once again represent the residents of Davenport as Trustee.

*-Mario Silva, MP Davenport*

Nellie Pedro (Davenport) -- Best surprise on the new board. She almost saved Ursula Franklin Academy by herself. Well researched and principled for a rookie (and a Liberal), she puts community needs ahead of staff recommendations. Keep it up!

*- Now Magazine July 12-18, 2001*

"Pedro has earned a reputation for being a firecracker at board meetings, but also viciously defending the rights of non-English Speaking Canadians."

*- The Guardian September 12, 2003*

"Nellie is a dedicated and strong community representative. Nellie has assisted scores of volunteer organizations both as a school trustee and through her television program. Nellie Pedro will once again make an excellent trustee."

*- Fatima Labinowics - Parent*

"The TDSB needs a strong representative who will speak out and ensure the needs of this area are properly addressed. I have known Nellie for a very long time and know that she will do a wonderful job as a member of the board."

*- Senator Art Eggleton  
Former MP - York Centre and former Mayor of Toronto*



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*"I'm looking forward to once again represent the people of Davenport at the TDSB."*

# Who is Nellie Pedro?

Nellie Pedro, a former TDSB School Trustee (2000/03) has served our community on many neighbourhood and business organizations, building on her business experience with a video and television production company co-owned with her husband Cesar Pedro, and as a producer and co-host of Gente da Nossa TV, a City TV-CHIN multicultural program.



Nellie has lent her strong voice to many roles in the community, serving as the

first woman president of the Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business and Professionals Inc., as past member of United Way Board of Trustees (1991/94), as Chair of the United Way Portuguese Community Committee (1990/92), as founding member of the Canada Portugal Chamber of Commerce & Industry,

as Davenport School Council Chair, as Chair of the Portuguese Coalition for Better Education, as member of the Portuguese Disabled Society Building Fund, as founder and co-coordinator of lacacanada.com, and founder of Amigos da Terceira of Ontario.



In 1993 Nellie was awarded the Canada 125th Anniversary Commemorative Medal for service to her community. Nellie came to Canada from Portugal in 1970, has been married to Cesar Pedro since 1985 and they have one 15 year-old son in public school.



## Nellie Pedro has made it her life's work to improve and strengthen our community

- Public School Trustee 2000
- Owns and operates a television production company
- TV host, CityTV/CHIN multicultural programming Gente da Nossa
- United Way Board of Trustees 1991-1994
- Past president Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business and Professional
- Fundraiser and volunteer, AIDS Committee of Toronto
- Attended Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (Radio and television Arts)



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## My goals for Ward 9 Davenport

- Local Ward 9 Trustee office
- Annual Ward 9 school fundraising event
- Review school sports programs and facilities
- Review school playgrounds and establish equity in the ward
- Increase green spaces in our schools
- Increase security at our schools
- Increase community use of schools
- Protect, maintain and improve our swimming pools and programs
- More arts in Ward 9 by engaging with community partners
- Lobby the Province to fully fund the education needs of our children

