



Jan. 26, 2023

To the Secondary School Principals of the Halton District School Board,

The time has come to begin the annual Student Trustee election process. As the current HDSB Student Trustees, we know how key it is to have student leadership and voice in our learning community. Being a Student Trustee is the venue by which our students become active participants in achieving our Board's vision. It is a very important commitment, one that has two of our senior students across Halton representing all 66,000 of our students. These two students sit on the Board of Trustees and serve as the voice of our student population while advocating for youth issues at the Board, regional and provincial levels. In addition to chairing the Student Senate and joining the Board of Trustees, Student Trustees also work with the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) to discuss educational issues across Ontario.

A Virtual Candidates Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** All interested students are invited to attend. The 2023 Student Trustee Elections will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23 between 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **All interested candidates should email Ms. Luisa Botelho ([botelhol@hdsb.ca](mailto:botelhol@hdsb.ca)) and Ms. Nicole Jarvis ([jarvisn@hdsb.ca](mailto:jarvisn@hdsb.ca)) for the meeting link.**

In an effort to have as many candidates as possible, we encourage you to share information on your school social media networks to promote this opportunity. Interested students (current grade 10 & 11 students) can review a copy of the Student Trustee Nomination form, which can be found on [Appendix A of the Student Trustee Policy](#) and on the [HDSB website](#). Candidate forms may be distributed to students starting **Feb. 1, 2023**. Please note that the PDF needs to be downloaded in order for the signature fields to function properly and we are asking that parents/guardians physically sign the form before scanning and returning it.

For students to qualify as candidates in this year's election, they must fill out **the candidacy application form** and send it to Susan Thrasher (Executive Assistant and Office Supervisor, Director's Office) at [thrashers@hdsb.ca](mailto:thrashers@hdsb.ca) by 8 p.m. on **Wednesday Feb, 8**. Additional election components including a four-minute [mp4 video](#), written answer to trustee elections question, PDF of one 8.5x11 campaign poster for Senate

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social media accounts, and a student photograph (Headshots-head and shoulders-only in the photo) for ballot are due by 8 p.m. on **Monday, Feb. 13**. Students currently in Grade 10 or Grade 11 qualify for this leadership opportunity.

Learn more about the importance of voting for Student Trustees by watching this [video](#).

Please feel free to share this letter with interested students as it contains links to the forms. If students have any questions or concerns, they are welcome to email us: Cindy Wang at [wangc@hdsb.ca](mailto:wangc@hdsb.ca) and Ethan Ruggiero at [ruggieroe@hdsb.ca](mailto:ruggieroe@hdsb.ca).

Sincerely,

Cindy Wang and Ethan Ruggiero  
Student Trustees of the Halton District School Board

### **Social Media Post**

We would appreciate your assistance in sharing this message on your school social media with [these images](#).

Calling all Grade 10 & 11 students! The time has come to begin the annual Student Trustee election process. 🗳️

Are you a leader in your community? Would you like to be a voice for your fellow #HDSB students? Become a Student Trustee!

👉 Learn more: <http://bit.ly/3IYn7YN>