



March 1, 2019

2019 Student Trustee Election

To the Principals of the Halton District School Board,

In our School Board, where difficult decisions have to be made regularly, it is important to gather as many different points of view as possible, especially from students. An important position in the representation of student voice is the Student Trustee. The position of Student Trustee allows the Board of Trustees to hear student voice when making decisions that affect all 65,000 students in the Board. Our Board is committed to ensuring student voice is effectively heard and valued, especially around the Board table when making decisions that affect students.

Student Trustees are the elected representatives of all 65,000 students in the Board and run the Student Senate. The Student Trustees sit on the Board of Trustees, the elected representatives of their communities, who together govern the school board. Every year, interested students have the opportunity to share their strengths and values with the students of our Board through their candidacy for the Student Trustee position.

We write today asking you to distribute the Student Trustee Nomination Form (part of the [Student Trustee Policy](#)) to Grade 10 and 11 students in your schools, allowing them to file for candidacy in the upcoming election. The election will be held on April 23rd, 2019, at the J.W. Singleton Education Centre (2050 Guelph Line, Burlington), starting at 6 p.m. Candidates will have a maximum of five (5) minutes to address the electorate through a live-streamed speech, followed by a short question period.

Candidates for Student Trustee are also invited to attend a Candidate's Information Meeting at the J.W. Singleton Education Centre on March 26, 2019 at 5 p.m., which will allow the candidates an opportunity to ask the incumbent Student Trustees questions about the position, the election, and the roles and responsibilities of being a Student Trustee. Candidates will also be invited to stay for the Student Senate meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. following the Candidates Meeting, to gain a better understanding of the organization within which the Student Trustees will be expected to work.

Interested students are asked to send their nomination form to Susan Thrasher (via email to thrashers@hdsb.ca) no later than March 15th, 2019. Candidates will require the signature of a parent/guardian and the school principal. Once the nomination form is completed, candidates may begin campaigning (item 3.3 of the [Student Trustee Policy](#)). If there are any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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