

**SUBJECT LINE:** Calling All Interested 2024-2025 Student Trustee Candidates!

Jan. 26, 2024

To Grade 10 and 11 students in the Halton District School Board,

The time has come to begin the annual Student Trustee election process.

Being a Student Trustee is a very important commitment, one that involves two of our senior students representing all 67,000 Halton District School Board 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. 30 from 6:30-7:30 p.m**. All interested students are invited to attend. At this meeting, students will have the opportunity to learn all about the Student Trustee election process. **Those interested in attending this meeting are asked to email Ms. Luisa Botelho** (<a href="mailto:botelhol@hdsb.ca">botelhol@hdsb.ca</a>) and Ms. Joanne Eliuk (<a href="mailto:eliukj@hdsb.ca">eliukj@hdsb.ca</a>) for the meeting link.

The 2024 Student Trustee Elections will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22 between 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Interested students should review the <u>Student Trustee Candidate Application</u>, which can be found on <u>Appendix A of the Student Trustee Policy</u> and on the <u>How to Become a Student Trustee</u> page on the HDSB website, or you can request a copy from your Principal. Please note that the PDF of the Student Trustee Candidate Form 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.

To qualify as candidates in this year's election, students must currently be in Grade 10 or 11. Candidates must complete the Student Trustee Candidate Application and email it to: <a href="mailto:STelections@hdsb.ca">STelections@hdsb.ca</a> by 6 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **Feb. 7.** The following additional election components **are due by 6 p.m. on Monday**, **Feb. 12.** 

• Two-minute .mp4 video

- Written answer to trustee elections question (to be shared during the virtual candidate meeting)
- PDF of one 8.5x11 campaign poster for the Student Senate social media account
- Candidate photograph (headshot of head and shoulders only in the photo) for the ballot

We look forward to meeting Student Trustee candidates for the 2024-2025 school year!

If you have any questions, please contact us – Shrena Sribalan (<u>sribalans@hdsb.ca</u>) and Sultan Alimzhanov (<u>alimzhanovs@hdsb.ca</u>).

Sincerely,

Shrena Sribalan and Sultan Alimzhanov Student Trustees of the Halton District School Board

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