



January 28th, 2022

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

Although the school year only started a few months ago, the time has come to begin the annual Student Trustee election process.

Student Trustees Vandy Widyalkara (widyalkarv@hdsb.ca) and Kacy Bao (baok@hdsb.ca) are looking for passionate leaders that Halton has to offer for this election. Being a Student Trustee is a very important commitment, one that has two of our grade eleven or twelve students across Halton representing all 65,000 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 on the board, regional, and provincial levels. Outside of being the chairs of 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 **February 1st from 6:30PM to 7:30PM**. All interested students are invited to attend. The 2022 Student Trustee Elections will be held on Thursday, February 24th between 8AM to 5:30PM. **All interested candidates should email Ms. Botelho (botelhol@hdsb.ca) and Mr. Henderson (hendersonr@hdsb.ca) for the meeting link.**

We'd love to have as many candidates as possible, so we recommend putting out information on your social media networks to ask interested students to request a copy of the Student Trustee Nomination form, which can be found on [Appendix A of the Student Trustee Policy](#) and on our [board's website](#). Candidate forms may be distributed to students starting **February 2nd**. Please note that the PDF needs to be downloaded in order for the signature fields to function properly and we are asking that parent/guardian 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 application form and send it to Susan Thrasher (Executive Assistant and Office Supervisor) at thrashers@hdsb.ca by 11:59 PM on **Friday February 11th** (including 4 minute mp4 video, PDF of one 8.5x11 campaign poster for Senate social media accounts, and a student

photograph for ballot). Students currently in grades 10 or grade 11 qualify for this leadership opportunity.

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.

Sincerely,

Vandy Widyalkara and Kacy Bao
Student Trustees of the Halton District School Board

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