

GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Trustees

Appendix C

Election of Student Trustees (Indirect Elections)

1. Student trustees for Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board shall be elected by student representatives of the Board no later than April 30 of each school year.
2. Notice shall be sent to each secondary school no later than February 15 advising students of the opportunity to be a student trustee for the following school year.
3. Interested students must attend a Student Trustee Info Session meeting to gain further information on the role of student trustee and to have an opportunity to address questions or concerns regarding the role to the current student trustees. This information meeting shall take place no later than the Friday preceding March Break. This session is open to parents/guardians/caregivers, school staff and Principals who are interested in learning more about the role of student trustee and how to support students should they be elected.
4. Students interested in the position of student trustee will be asked to complete an application and submit a resume detailing their qualifications and experiences for the position. The application shall be submitted no later than the last Friday of March each year.
5. All candidates who have applied for the positions of student trustee and meet the eligibility criteria will be invited to attend the Student Trustee Elections Meeting.
6. The electors will consist of student representatives in Grades 7 to 12 across the district.
7. The student body will vote individually through secret ballot and decide on the successful candidates for the position of student trustee.
8. The votes will be tabulated at the meeting under the supervision of the Superintendent responsible for student trustees, the outgoing student trustees* and the Officer of Trustee Services. Once the votes have been calculated, an announcement will be made prior to the end of the meeting indicating who the new incoming student trustees will be for the upcoming school year
**in the event that one or both current student trustees are running for re-election, one or 2 student representatives will be selected to observe the tabulating of votes.*
9. In the event of a tie, whereby the top two candidates cannot be determined, the tie shall be broken by the drawing of names of the candidates who are tied, under the supervision of the Superintendent and Officer of Trustee Services.
10. The Officer of Trustee Services shall advise the Board as soon as possible following an election of the names of the student trustees elected, and shall provide the Ministry of Education with these names, no later than 30 days after the election.