

# Trustee Maria Felix Miller

## Ward 3 Newsletter



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Hi Ward 3,

I'm excited to share my first Trustee Newsletter with you! It is an honour to represent this ward and I am also proud to be serving as Vice Chair for this year.

I visited Bernie Custis secondary in January and got to watch an Egg-Drop led by one of the Robotics classes. Students worked really hard to design a simple machine that protected their eggs from the top stairwell all the way down to the main floor! I am also looking forward to visiting all Ward 3 elementary schools this week and to connect with our amazing staff and students. During Black History Month, I attended the John C. Holland Awards and I was excited to cheer on 3 BCSS student winners: Serenity Thompson, Cynthia Oyogo, and Khairiya Hajic.

Congratulations to all the winners!

As chair of the Policy Committee, I am proud of the recent approval of the Whistleblower Policy at Board. I hope that members of our communities see this policy as tool to help make our organization more accountable and transparent.

In March, we will start to consult about the future of HWDSB and what priorities we need to focus on. This is part of our Strategic Directions. I'm excited to share more details because we want to hear from you. Details should come after March Break.

Sincerely,  
Maria Felix Miller

## School Renewal Updates

**Adelaide Hoodless Elementary** – Renovations to Gym 008 are complete, with renovations in Gym 131 are underway. Stage lift prep work has also been completed. Work to support new HVAC will commence in April, and construction will continue to end of August 2023.



School  
Renewal

### March Break in the Ward

#### [March Break Activity Centre: Engineering For Amusement Parks](#)

March 15, 12 – 4 p.m.

Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology National  
Historic Site

900 Woodward Avenue, Hamilton

#### [Art Gallery of Hamilton March Break Camp](#)

March 13 - 17, 9 – 4 p.m.

Art Gallery of Hamilton  
123 King St W, Hamilton

#### [Hamilton Bulldogs v. Ottawa 67's](#)

March 12 at 2 p.m.

First Ontario Centre

101 York Blvd, Hamilton

#### [Hamilton Public Library](#)

Various activities

Various dates and locations

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## Board Highlights

Sharing news about Board of Trustee work and activities is important to keeping you informed!

### Emphasis on Human Rights

At HWDSB, we believe that all students need to be safe, supported, and included in schools. Trustees passed a collection of policies that support this direction. Policies approved include the [Human Rights](#)

[Policy](#), [Anti-Black Racism Policy](#), [Whistleblower Policy](#), and [Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy](#).

### School Environments

Indoor and outdoor school environments are important to student learning and well-being. Trustees have approved investments that will support students during severe weather.

- **Snow Clearing:** In response to feedback from families and staff, the Board of Trustees approved the removal of snow from sections of blacktop areas. This change will improve student safety and increase accessibility for students with mobility challenges during snowy or icy conditions.
- **High Heat/Humidity:** Trustees approved the investment in new monitoring units that allow measurement of indoor school conditions when there is extreme heat with high humidity. Schools have plans to reduce activities and provide access to cooler spaces when needed. In extreme circumstances, severe heat and humidity in a school may result in a school closure under the Inclement Weather Policy.

### Strategic Directions

Trustees are preparing to set a renewed vision and focus for HWDSB to best serve students and school communities now and in the future. We will be seeking your input on HWDSB's strategic directions in the coming months. We are excited to set new priorities, and look forward to hearing from students, staff, families, and the community this spring. Please watch for further information.