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Wards 11 & 12 Newsletter



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Hi Wards 11 & 12,

It has been a busy time since Inaugural Board in November, and I am excited to share with you my first newsletter.

Over the last couple of months, I have had the opportunity to visit all but one of the schools in Wards 11 & 12, and will visit the last school in the upcoming weeks.

It was a great opportunity to meet the students and staff of all the great schools in these wards, get to know the school cultures better, and hear the concerns of students and staff. I also had the opportunity to visit one of our schools with Director of Education Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini.

In January, I attended the Public Education Symposium and had the opportunity to learn more about concerns impacting all students across the province. Attendees discussed how we can all work together to provide opportunities for all students to learn to the best of their abilities.

Some of the concerns I have been working on are addressing the ongoing bussing issues impacting the Ancaster family of schools. Staff members are diligently working on this with the transportation consortium, and we have seen some improvements with more to come. I have also been working with Councillor Tadeson and Councillor Cassars offices to address issues with crossing guard shortages.

Ancaster High recently held the Golden Horseshoe Music Festival, a prestigious event in the music community. In March, we will start consultation about the future of HWDSB and the priorities we need to focus on.

This is part of our strategic directions. Details should be out shortly.

Sincerely,
Amanda Fehrman

School Renewal Updates

Ecole Mich elle Jean Elementary – Plans are underway for a benchmark project that includes replacement of windows and the corridor ceiling, as well as washroom and gym renovations. The intention is to commence work in summer 2023, with construction extending into fall 2023 for windows.

Ancaster High - Renovations for Hospitality and Tourism classroom, cafeteria, washrooms, and changerooms. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2023, and will continue throughout the school year in a phased approach with completion in March 2024. Parking Lot repaving will also take place in summer 2023.



March Break in the Ward

[Westfield Maple Syrup Season](#)

March 5 - April 7, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Westfield Heritage Village
1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton

[A Monumental March Break](#)

March 13 - 17, 12 – 4 p.m.
Battlefield House Museum & Park
77 King St. West, Stoney Creek

[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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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.