



Balaclava Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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September 4, 2025

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Every school in Ontario is required to have a School Council to work collaboratively with the principal to improve student achievement and to enhance accountability of the school with parents. Information about School Councils can be found here:

<https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/council02.pdf>

We welcome all parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on our School Council for the 2025-2026 school year. School Councils must hold annual elections to identify voting members and various positions such as School Council Chair. Elected members vote on School Council matters and represent the group's ideas and advisory suggestions for the principal. Please note that you do not have to be an elected member of the School Council to attend meetings. All meetings are open to all parents/guardians who wish to attend.

To declare your interest in becoming an elected member of the School Council, please complete the nomination form attached. You may also nominate another parent/guardian of a student at our school to become an elected School Council member. All nomination forms must be received by Wednesday, September 17, 2025. Please note that you must attend the meeting on **Thursday, September 25, 2025** to be elected to Council. Please join us in the Balaclava School Library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on September 25th.

Please consider joining us on the School Council as an elected or general member or consider attending meetings whenever you can. School Council involvement is a great way to support your child's education, and we look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

Anna Ricci, Principal Balaclava School

Balaclava School Council Nomination Form

Self-Nomination

I would like to join the School Council as an elected member. I understand that an elected position requires more involvement and responsibilities than a general member does. I understand that this role involves attending School Council meetings.

My Name:

My Phone:

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My Email:

I am interested in serving in one of the following School Council roles (please circle):

CHAIR CO-CHAIR TREASURER SECRETARY MEMBER-AT-LARGE OTHER

I am the parent/guardian of _____ (student name) who is currently registered in Grade ____ at Balacava.

I am an employee of HWDSB (circle one): YES NO

Please complete and return this form to the school office by **September 17, 2025**

Nomination of Another Candidate

Nominator's Name:

Nominee's Name:

Nominee's Phone:

Nominee's Email:

Suggested School Council roles for the nominee (please circle):

CHAIR CO-CHAIR TREASURER SECRETARY MEMBER-AT-LARGE OTHER

The nominee is the parent/guardian of _____ (student name) who is currently registered in Grade ____ at Balacava

Is the nominee an employee of HWDSB? (please circle): YES NO

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