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Ward 2 Newsletter



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Hello friends, families and staff of Ward 2.

We've had such a great start to 2023. It has been wonderful to hear about the different activities happening at each of the schools across Ward 2!

It's been great getting the chance to attend parent council meetings, do school visit and connect with students all across Ward 2.

Sitting in board meetings and committee meetings has given me the chance to bring forward concerns from the community directly to those writing policies and procedures for our board to implement.

As a member of the Policy Committee, I was really excited to see the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan Policy pass by the Board of Trustees.

These policies are necessary to the wellbeing of students across Ward 2. I'm so grateful to all the parents, community members, staff and students who contributed to this policy over the years.

Ward 2 schools have some really exciting renovation projects coming up and I can't wait to see how outdoor spaces are being transformed at each of the schools.

As always, please feel free to connect with me if you have any questions, concerns, or want to chat about any school or community related issues.

See you at the next parent council meeting!

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A by-election has been called in Hamilton Centre.

Election day is March 16. Voting on election day is just one of the ways you can vote in Ontario. To make voting easier for all voters, advance polls will be open from March 8 to 10.

Visit elections.on.ca/en/voting-in-ontario/how-to-vote.html
to learn how, where, and when you can vote.

School Renewal Updates

Bennetto Elementary – A new corridor ceiling replacement project, which includes a new ceiling grid, ceiling tiles, LED lights, and fire alarm. The intention is to carry out construction over summer 2023.

Central Elementary – Gym, corridor, and playground renovations.

Project includes gym renovation with new flooring, painting, lighting, HVAC, and stage and bathrooms upgrades. The playground renovation includes repaving the main area and installation of artificial turf. The intent is to complete the project over the summer 2023, with gym work extending into the school year.

Hess Street Elementary – Playground and parking lot repaving and revitalization. The project includes repaving the lots and playground, and installing artificial turf. The intention is to carry out the work over summer 2023.



School
Renewal

March Break in the Ward

[Hamilton Public Library](#)

Various activities

Various dates and locations

Visit <https://www.hpl.ca/> to learn more

[Frogs! A Ribbiting Exhibit](#)

January 20 – April 16

RBG Centre

680 Plains Rd W, Burlington

[Family Fun Day: What's Living Under There?](#)

March 18 from 2 – 4 p.m.

RBG Arboretum

16 Old Guelph Road, Hamilton

[March Break at Dundurn](#)

March 13 – 17

Dundurn National Historic Site

610 York Boulevard, Hamilton



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.