

# Trustee Becky Buck

## Wards 8 & 14 Newsletter



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Hello, Wards 8 & 14!

It's been a busy time at HWDSB, and I'm excited to share with you my first newsletter.

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit three of our schools on the West Mountain. This small peek into what daily life looks like for our students and staff was so encouraging.

Classrooms were busy with activity and the noise and vibrancy of regular school life has certainly returned after the pandemic. I am looking forward to visiting more schools in the coming weeks!

During Black History Month I had the opportunity to attend the Reverend John C. Holland Awards celebrating Black excellence. Twelve current and former HWDSB students were distinguished for their accomplishments and contributions within our Hamilton community. Special congratulations go to our Sir Allan MacNab and Westmount students from the West Mountain who participated in the Awards!

Trustees in our Governance Committee have been busy preparing for the Board's Strategic Directions consultation process.

This consultation about the future of HWDSB will help us determine the priorities that need our focus. Your input will be invaluable to us as we want to ensure we reflect areas parents, students, and the community are most concerned about.

We are so excited to share more details soon!

Sincerely,  
Becky Buck

## School Renewal Updates

**Gordon Price Elementary** - Roof replacement expected to be completed over summer 2023.

**Norwood Park Elementary** – Benchmark renovations include a corridor ceiling replacement, and washroom and gym renovations.

The intention is to submit building permit in March and complete construction over summer 2023.

**Sir Allan MacNab Secondary** – Parking lot repaving and front entrance concrete walkway renovation expected to take place over summer 2023.



## March Break in the Ward

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

March 13 - 17, 9 – 4 p.m.

Art Gallery of Hamilton  
123 King St W, Hamilton

### [Hamilton Public Library](#)

Various activities

Various dates and locations

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

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

March 12 at 2 p.m.

First Ontario Centre  
101 York Blvd, Hamilton

### [The Art of Science at Dundurn](#) || [March Break at Dundurn](#)

March 13 – 17

Dundurn National Historic Site  
610 York Boulevard, Hamilton



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.