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Ward 13 Newsletter



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Hi Ward 13,

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

As a member and Chair of the Finance & Facilities and Audit Committees, I've been working on the Budget Development Process and defining Budget Priorities.

Also, the Board asked staff to research how to measure high heat/humidity in classrooms as there is a need to understand actual classroom climates.

This was done to align with the Board's School Cancellation of Operations Policy for both extreme cold and hot temperatures with high humidex.

We approved monitoring units to assess extreme hot weather with high humidex for learning spaces.

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,

Trustee Paul Tut

School Renewal Updates

Dundas Valley Secondary – A window replacement in the tech wing is planned for summer 2023.



School
Renewal

March Break in the Ward

[Adventures in the Valley: March Break Camp](#)

March 13 – 17, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Dundas Valley Conservation Area
650 Governors Road, Dundas

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

March 12 at 2 p.m.
First Ontario Centre
101 York Blvd, Hamilton

[Westfield Maple Syrup Season](#)

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

[Hamilton Public Library](#)

Various activities
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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.