

Trustee Paul Tut

Ward 13 Newsletter



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 *Congratulations.*
CLASS OF 2023!

Last Day of Classes:

Tuesday, June 20 - Secondary
Wednesday, June 28 - Elementary

[Click here for 2023 Continuing Education Summer Programs](#)

Dear students, staff and families of Ward 13,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits as you approach the end of the year. As a School Board Trustee representing Ward 13 it is my utmost pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to each and every one of you on another successful school year.

As Chair of the Audit Committee and Finance and Facilities Committee at the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, I have been diligently fulfilling my responsibilities to ensure the effective oversight and management of financial and operational matters within the school board. Over the course of my tenure, I have been actively engaged in various key activities and initiatives:

1. **Financial Oversight:** One of my primary roles as Chair has been to provide robust financial oversight. I have collaborated with the finance team and external auditors to review and analyze financial statements, budgets, and expenditures. By examining financial reports in detail, we have been able to identify areas of improvement, ensure compliance with financial regulations, and make informed recommendations to the board.
2. **Capital Planning and Facilities Management:** In my role as Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, I have actively participated in discussions related to capital planning and facilities management. This includes reviewing and providing input on capital projects, infrastructure maintenance, and long-term financial planning to support the board's educational goals.
3. **Audit Process:** As Chair of the Audit Committee, I have overseen the external audit process, working closely with auditors to review their findings, assess internal controls, and ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Through this diligent review, we have been able to identify areas for improvement and implement necessary corrective actions.

I want to share that the Trustees are hard at work helping to shape our Board's new strategic directions. In June, we will start to validate the responses from the Strategic planning process. Trustees are looking to confirm our path forward by approving the Strategic Directions. I hope you will take the time to participate by providing feedback when the opportunity presents itself.

Wishing you all the very best for a safe and healthy summer,
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School Renewal Updates

Dundas Valley Secondary – Window Replacement



Summer Events in the Ward

Dundas Farmers Market

Dundas Market
11 Miller's Lane
Thursdays June 15 – October 19 from 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Farm Crawl Hamilton

Choose the farms you want to visit!
Various Locations
June 24 and July 29, 2023 from 10:00am – 4:00pm

Concert in the Park

Dundas Driving Park Bandshell
71 Cross Street
Tuesdays July 4 – August 8, 2023 at 7:30pm

Dundas Cactus Festival

Downtown Dundas
Various Locations
August 18-20, 2023



Board Highlights

Sharing News about Board of Trustee work and activities is important to keep you informed!

Strategic Planning: Surveys, pop-ups, workshops and more! Trustees are active generating engagement and input into HWDSB's Strategic Directions. Trustees will move to the validate stage as they approved the new Multi-Year Strategic Plan. Learn more www.hwdsb.on.ca/pathforward

Naming of Schools Policy: Trustees have approved an updated Naming of Schools policy, adopting the community's recommendation to end the practice of naming schools after notable individuals. Future school names will instead focus on school locations, landmarks and natural features and will reflect the Board's mission, vision and values.

School Year Calendar: The School Year Calendar for 2023-2024 has been approved by the Ministry of Education and is posted on the School Year Calendar page. <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/school-year-calendar/>

Student Trustee Elections: Student Trustees for the 2023-24 school year include Harry Wang of Westmount Secondary School and Thomas Lin of Ancaster High Secondary School. Trustees thank our outgoing Student Trustees, Aisha Mahmoud and Gloria Li, for their work to serve students and support student-centred decision making at the Board.