

Dundas Valley Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers,

Every school in Ontario is required to have a School Council to work collaboratively with the Principal to improve student achievement and enhance accountability of the school with parents. Information about School Councils can be found on our school's website using this link.

We welcome all parents/guardians/caregivers who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on our DVSS School Council for the 2025-26 school year. DVSS School Council will meet 4 times throughout the year to discuss school-wide interests and to make recommendations to the Principal. To make our meetings accessible for all, we will be hosting meetings virtually via MS Teams. The link for our first meeting can be found here.

School Councils must hold annual elections to identify voting members and to select various positions such as School Council Chair, Secretary etc. Elected members vote on School Council matters and represent the group's ideas and advisory suggestions for the Principal. You do not have to be an elected member of School Council to attend meetings. All meetings are open to all DVSS parents /guardians / caregivers who wish to attend.

To declare your interest in becoming an elected member on DVSS School Council, please complete the nomination form. You may also nominate another parent/guardian/caregiver of a student at our school to become an elected DVSS School Council member. **All nominations forms must be received by Tuesday, September 30th, 2025 at noon.** Please email nomination forms to dundasvalley@hwdsb.on.ca or drop them into the school at the main office.

You must attend the meeting on **Wednesday October 1**st at **6:00 pm** in order to be elected to DVSS School Council. Our first meeting of the school year will be held on **Wednesday October 1**st, **2025 starting at 6:00 pm** and is available to everyone using the link above.

Please consider joining us on DVSS School Council as an elected or general member. School Council involvement is a great way to support your youth's education, and we look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

Kim Collier

Principal, Dundas Valley Secondary

