



Gatestone Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 here <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/guide.html>.

We welcome all parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on School Council for the 2020-2021 school year. Typically, School Council meets in person several times throughout the year to discuss school wide interests. This year due to Public Health regulations, School Council meetings will be held virtually using MS Teams.

School Councils must hold an election to identify voting members and various positions such as School Council Chair. Elected members vote on School Council matters and represent the groups' ideas. Please note you do not have to be an elected member of School Council to attend meetings.

To declare your interest to become an elected member of Gatestone's School Council, please complete the nomination form attached and e-mail the completed form to the Principal kreillys@hwdsb.on.ca. You may also nominate a parent/guardian of a student in our school. All nomination forms must be received by **Tuesday, October 13 by 4:00PM**. Please note you must attend our first council meeting on **Thursday, October 15 at 6:00PM** in order to be elected to the Council.

Our first meeting will be held virtually. Please join us at 1 647-749-9281. Conference ID: #786 700 034

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

Respectfully,

Kelly Reilly-Scott
Principal

Krystal Legge
Council Chair