



Helen Detwiler 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 to 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/council02.pdf>.

We welcome all parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on our School Council for the 2020-2021 school year. Typically, School Councils meet in person on a regular basis to discuss school-wide interests and to make recommendations to the principal, however, this year, due to Public Health considerations, meetings will be held virtually.

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

To declare your interest to become an elected member on School Council, please complete the **nomination form** below. You may also nominate another parent/guardian of a student at our school to become an elected School Council member. All nominations forms must be received by [insert deadline date prior to first School Council meeting]. Please note that you must attend the meeting on [insert date of first School Council meeting] in order to be elected to Council. Our first meeting of this school year will be held virtually on **Thursday, Oct. 22nd at 6:00 pm** via MS TEAMS. Please join us at https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MGQ1NWNmY2QtNDhmMS00MWEyLWl5Y2ltMmNiODQ4ZDRjYzY3%40thread.v2/0?content=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%227afeaf6a-b1be-4c83-a974-c43a8b215634%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%228e02b558-24ab-4bd8-8bab-7fe699679651%22%7d or if you wish to join by phone [+1 647-749-9281](tel:+16477499281) Canada, Toronto (Toll) Conference ID: 857 731 880#

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

Sincerely,

Amanda Duncan, Chair of School Council and Michael Azzopardi, Principal



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