



Lincoln Alexander Elementary School

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What is “School Council”?

School councils provide advice to the principal and school board. Every school must have a school council, and members include parents, the principal, a teacher, a student (optional), a non-teaching staff member and a community representative. The majority of members must be parents, and the chair must be a parent. Principals do not vote on school council decisions.

School councils are governed by [Ontario Regulation 612](#), which sets out the purpose, membership and election requirements for school councils. Under section 2(1), the purpose of the school council is “through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.” School councils are responsible for:

- Sharing information with parents and the community, and seeking their input on matters the council is discussing.
- Providing advice to the principal and school board on issues such as school year calendars, strategies to improve school performance, codes of conduct and dress, curriculum priorities, safe arrival programs, community use of schools and community programs provided at the school, selection criteria for principals and board policies that will affect the school.
- Many school councils are also actively involved in organizing social events for the school community and fundraising events.

SCHOOL COUNCIL VOTING MEMBER NOMINATION 2023-2024

Council meetings are open to everyone in the community, so you do not have to be a voting member or register to attend or speak at any of our meetings. Meetings are generally held one evening each month from 6:30-7:30pm. If you are interested in being a voting member of the School Council for Tapleystown Public School complete the nomination form online at <https://bit.ly/LASC2324>. Voting members must be a custodial parent/caregiver of a student attending Tapleystown and must commit to attending monthly meetings regularly for the entire school year. HWDSB employees must disclose this in their profile.

If you wish to be a voting member, we ask that that the nomination form be submitted **online** at <https://bit.ly/LASC2324> by 4:00pm on Tuesday, September 19th. The first School Council Meeting of the year will be held virtually on MS Teams on Thursday, September 28 at 6:30pm. Nominations and elections for executive positions will take place at this meeting.