



Orchard Park Secondary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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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 Thursday, October 15. Please note that you must attend the meeting on Thursday, October 15 in order to be elected to Council. Our first meeting of this school year will be held virtually on the 15th via MS TEAMS.

Please join us at https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YWRIMjQyYmMtMWNjMi00MGMyLWI1YjEtN2NkYzZkMjc1ZGM0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%227afeaf6a-b1be-4c83-a974-c43a8b215634%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22e71502f4-b22f-4ad1-84b9-79315531ba7c%22%7d

Or, [+1 647-749-9281](tel:+16477499281) Canada, Toronto (Toll) Conference ID: 718 491 721#

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,

Cathy Craig – current OP School Council Chair
Kristen Armstrong – Principal



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ORCHARD PARK SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM - 2020-2021

SELF-NOMINATION

I would like to join School Council as an elected member. I understand that an elected position requires more involvement and responsibilities than a general member does. I understand that this role involves attending School Council meetings.

My Name: _____
My Phone: _____
My E-mail: _____

I am interested in serving in one of the following School Council roles (please circle):

CHAIR CO-CHAIR TREASURER SECRETARY MEMBER AT LARGE OTHER

I am the parent/guardian of _____ [student name] who is currently registered in Grade ____ at Orchard Park.

I am an employee of HWDSB (please circle): YES NO

NOMINATION OF ANOTHER CANDIDATE

Nominator's Name: _____
Nominee's Name: _____
Nominee's Phone: _____
Nominee's Email: _____

Suggested School Council roles for the nominee (please circle): CHAIR CO-CHAIR TREASURER SECRETARY

MEMBER AT LARGE OTHER

The nominee is the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered in Grade ____ at Orchard Park.

Is the nominee an employee of HWDSB? (please circle): YES NO

Please complete and return this form to the school office by Thursday, October 15, 2020