

# Trustee Becky Buck

## Wards 8 & 14 Newsletter



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 *Congratulations,*  
**CLASS OF 2023!**

**Last Day of Classes:**

Tuesday, June 20 - Secondary  
Wednesday, June 28 - Elementary

[Click here for 2023 Continuing Education Summer Programs](#)

Hello Wards 8 & 14!

The end of the year is an exciting time at HWDSB. Commencements and end of year trips are looming (and some have even begun!) which means our classrooms are buzzing with activity.

Recently, I have been able to visit several schools in both wards I serve. Having the opportunity to peek inside classrooms, chat with principals, and hear directly from students is so valuable to informing how I make decisions at the Board table.

Thank you so much to the schools on the West Mountain that invited me in to see what they have been up to. And an extra special thanks to the students who served as my tour guides on each visit!

Since the last Trustee Newsletter lots has been happening! As Trustee Representative for the Hamilton Foundation for Student Success (HFSS is HWDSBs Charity of Choice and a vital partner helping to break down financial barriers to learning), I've participated in the Showcase of heARTS and Prom Project. The Showcase raises funds for Student Support Grants and Prom Project is a "pop-up shop" style event that offers students in Hamilton the opportunity to pick out formal wear for special occasions free of charge. To learn more about HFSS head to [hwdsb.on.ca](http://hwdsb.on.ca).

Trustees are currently working through the budget development process for the 2023-24 school year and are looking forward approving the budget in June.

As well, Trustees are so grateful for the engagement we have received from Hamiltonians so far in our Strategic Directions process. The Governance Committee and Executive Council are currently working through the responses we received during the consultation phase and are looking to confirm our path forward in approving our Strategic Directions.

Sincerely,

Becky Buck

## School Renewal Updates

**Norwood Park Elementary** – Gym, Corridor Ceiling & Washroom Renovation

**Sir Allan MacNab Secondary** – Parking Lot Paving

**Westmount Secondary** – Cafeteria Renovation, Stage Lift Installation



## Summer Events in the Ward

### Tours of Auchmar

Auchmar Estate

88 Fennell Avenue West

Selected weekends from 12:00pm – 4:00pm

### Farm Crawl Hamilton

Choose the farms you want to visit!

Various Locations

June 24 and July 29, 2023 from 10:00am – 4:00pm

### Concession Street Fest

Upper Wentworth to East 25th

Concession Street

June 10, 2023 from 10:00am – 6:00pm

### Concrete Canvas Art Festival

Various locations

August 11-13, 2023

10:00am-10:00pm



## Board Highlights

Sharing News about Board of Trustee work and activities is important to keep you informed!

**Strategic Planning:** Surveys, pop-ups, workshops and more! Trustees are active generating engagement and input into HWDSB's Strategic Directions. Trustees will move to the validate stage as they approved the new Multi-Year Strategic Plan. Learn more [www.hwdsb.on.ca/pathforward](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/pathforward)

**Naming of Schools Policy:** Trustees have approved an updated Naming of Schools policy, adopting the community's recommendation to end the practice of naming schools after notable individuals. Future school names will instead focus on school locations, landmarks and natural features and will reflect the Board's mission, vision and values.

**School Year Calendar:** The School Year Calendar for 2023-2024 has been approved by the Ministry of Education and is posted on the School Year Calendar page. <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/school-year-calendar/>

**Student Trustee Elections:** Student Trustees for the 2023-24 school year include Harry Wang of Westmount Secondary School and Thomas Lin of Ancaster High Secondary School. Trustees thank our outgoing Student Trustees, Aisha Mahmoud and Gloria Li, for their work to serve students and support student-centred decision making at the Board.