

Trustee Dawn Danko

Ward 7 Newsletter



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Last Day of Classes:

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

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

Hello Ward 7,

It's hard to believe we're looking toward the end of the school year. This is an exciting time! Congratulations to the Class of 2023, and to all students for another successful school year. Thank you to staff, families, and volunteers who have supported our students in reaching their goals.

I have had the opportunity to connect with school councils and visit various schools. Feedback from school communities is important and helpful in supporting my decision making at the Board. I look forward to seeing families at commencements and end of year events. Please introduce yourself if you see me.

A lot has happened since the last Trustee newsletter. Trustees continue to work through the budget development process for the 2023-24 school year and are looking forward approving the budget in June.

Trustees are also grateful for your engagement in our Strategic Directions process. We are currently working through the responses we received during the initial consultation to set clear priorities for the next 5 years through new Strategic Directions.

I wish you the very best for the last few weeks of the school year.

Have a wonderful summer break.

Sincerely,

Dawn Danko

School Renewal Updates

Helen Detwiler Elementary - Window & door replacement, ground sign



Summer Events in the Ward

LEGOmania

Hamilton Public Library Concession Branch
565 Concession Street
June 17, 2023 9:30am – 3:30 p.m.

Hamilton Mountain Ribfest

CF Limeridge
999 Upper Wentworth Street
June 30th - July 2nd, 2023

2023 Hamilton Seniors Kick-Off Information & Wellness

Fair
Sackville Hill Seniors Recreation Centre
780 Upper Wentworth St
June 20, 2023 from 10:00am – 2:00pm

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

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.