



# Shannen Koostachin Elementary 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/>

We welcome all parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on our School Council for the 2021-2022 school year. Typically, School Councils meet in person on a regular basis to discuss school- wide interests and to make recommendations to the principal, due to Public Health consideration, meetings will be held virtually on MS Teams until further notice.

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** attached and email it to [shannenkoostachin@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:shannenkoostachin@hwdsb.on.ca) . You may also nominate another parent/guardian of a student at our school to become an elected School Council Member. All nominations must be received by **Wednesday, September 22, 2021**. Please note that you must attend the meeting on **Monday, September 27th at 6:30** in order to be elected to School Council. This meeting will be held virtually on MS Teams and you will receive an invite from the Principal once your nomination form is received. If you would like to join the first school council meeting as a general member, please send an email request to [shannenkoostachin@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:shannenkoostachin@hwdsb.on.ca) and you will receive an invite to join in MS Teams.

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

Sincerely,

Julie Anderson

Principal