

Trustee Graeme Noble

Ward 15 Newsletter



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Last Day of Classes:

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

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Hello Families of Ward 15,

I'm pleased to return with another edition of our Trustee Newsletter! Here's a bit of what I've been up to since the last time we connected earlier this year:

- As an update from the Program Committee Chair, enrollment applications for HWDSB's French Immersion programs have recently risen to levels that rival pre-pandemic levels.
- I, as well as a few other trustees, joined the HWDSB community to support the Showcase of HeARTs—an event that fundraisers for the Hamilton Foundation for Student Success helping HWDSB students access essential resources proven to aid in their learning (e.g., field trip costs, weather-appropriate clothing, etc.).
- To celebrate, and advocate for, the people of Waterdown and Flamborough, I met with MPP Donna Skelly as part of OPSBA's Take Your MPP to School Day, and I will be attending the commencement ceremony for Waterdown High, alongside other school events to acknowledge and appreciate the excellent families and staff that make our school year worth celebrating.

Here are a few things we can work on together soon:

- HWDSB's strategic directions consultations continue to generate new ideas that will guide the future of our Board. Thank you so much to everyone who has participated so far and those who have yet to do so!
- Discussions are ramping up for a new catchment boundary review for Mary Hopkins, Flamborough Centre, and the constructed school in East Waterdown! Rest assured that advocacy with and to the provincial government will make clear the necessity and benefits of school construction to support quality education for all our students in the area. If you want to share your voice about school construction in East Waterdown, look out for updates from us this Fall!

Last but not least: don't be a stranger! If you're a HWDSB community member: I'll make the time to chat with you. Always welcome the chance to connect with students, their families, and the education workers that inspire them.

That's all for now! If you ever need a guide, an advocate, or a question answered about all things HWDSB, I'm always just a call, text, or email away to help point you in the right direction.

Sincerely, Trustee Graeme Noble

School Renewal Updates

Mary Hopkins Elementary – HVAC & Ceiling Renovation



Summer Events in the Ward

Waterdown Farmers Market

Royal Canadian Legion
79 Hamilton St N
Saturdays from 8:00am – 1:00pm

Waterdown RibFest 2023

Memorial Park
200 Hamilton St N, Waterdown
June 30 – July 3

Farm Crawl Hamilton

Choose the farms you want to visit!
Various Locations
June 24 and July 29, 2023 from 10:00am – 4:00pm

Bozek Milligan Kids' Shop Day

Waterdown Farmers Market
79 Hamilton St N
Saturday July 14, 2023 from 8:00am – 1:00pm



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.