

# Trustee Elizabeth Wong

## Ward 1 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](#)

Hi Ward 1,

I hope the warmer weather has been treating you all well as we come to the end of the year! This time of the year is always exciting as we see our students wrapping up their year and getting ready for summer fun. I wanted to take this opportunity to send greetings and congratulations to all the students that will be at their commencements this year. I hope you all soak in the end of the year and enjoy all the celebrations and time with your friends, school community, and family. Sending everyone good vibes and hope you all have a fantastic end of year! :)

As the Chair of the Human Resources Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and congratulations to our Human Resources team at the HWDSB and our partners CUPE for reaching a tentative local agreement. At the committee, we continue to monitor employee staffing for the 2023-24 school year and recruitment for our daily staffing pools. As a member of the Finance and Facilities Committee, we have been working through the Grants for Students Needs from the government and seeing how staff have allocated these amounts towards our overall budget. As a member of the Parent Involvement Committee, I had the opportunity to deliver the Trustee update and participated in discussions with members of the committee on how Trustees can better connect with school councils. At the committee, we also listened to a presentation from Public Health on the dangers of vaping and tobacco use.

It has been so rewarding to connect with parents online and in-person. I have had the pleasure of meeting with parents over the phone, over email, and in-person to discuss different challenges and successes that families are experiencing in our Ward 1 schools. I am hoping to schedule school council visits in June and in the fall to get to know our community better. I also have plans to visit schools in the fall to get better acquainted with our school facilities and staff in schools and am happy to note the new school-year calendar reinstates parent-teacher interviews.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to discuss any issues or just for a chat, my email is always open!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wong

## School Renewal Updates

**Kanétskare Elementary** - Parking lot repaving and accessible washroom renovation



## Summer Events in the Ward

### [Hamilton Civic Museums' Speaker Series: Becoming an Ally](#)

The Hayloft at Dundurn National Historic Site  
610 York Boulevard  
June 23, 2023 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm

### [Canada Day Military Tattoo](#)

Dundurn National Historic Site  
610 York Boulevard  
July 1, 2023 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm

### [Plein Air Painting in Dundurn's Historic Kitchen Garden](#)

Dundurn National Historic Site  
610 York Boulevard  
June 29, 2023 from 10:00am – 4:00pm

### [Ambitious City Tours](#)

Municipal Cemetery  
777 York Blvd  
Various dates from 10:00am – 11:00am



## 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.