



Westdale Secondary School

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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: [School councils: a guide for members | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/school-councils)

We welcome all parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on our School Council for the 2023-24 school year. Typically, School Councils meet in person on a monthly basis to discuss school-wide interests and to make recommendations to the principal. We will be continuing with in person meetings this year and will provide an option for parents/guardians to access and participate in the meeting remotely as well. Please inform the principal should you wish to attend meetings remotely.

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 make suggestions to 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. You may also nominate another parent/guardian of a student at our school to become an elected School Council member. All nomination forms must be received by Tuesday September 26, 2023 in order to be elected to Council. Our first meeting of this school year will be held on Tuesday September 26th at 6pm in the Library/Learning Commons.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Goodram
Principal