



Westwood 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/council02.pdf>.

We welcome all parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on our School Council for the 2022-2023 school year. Typically, School Councils meet in person on a regular basis to discuss school-wide interests and to make recommendations to the principal, however, this year, we will be offering a hybrid model to our meetings (in person and online).

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 in a separate post. You may also nominate another parent/guardian of a student at our school to become an elected School Council member. All nominations forms must be received by Friday, September 30th at 12:00pm. Please note that you must attend the meeting on Thursday, October 6th, 2022 @ 7:00pm in order to be elected to Council. Our first meeting of this school year will be held, in person, on Thursday, October 6th in the Westwood Library. The virtual link will be shared closer to the time of the meeting.

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

Sincerely,

Cherylin Foxon, Chair of School Council (2021-2022) and Michael Azzopardi, Principal