



# W.H. Ballard Elementary 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.

We welcome all parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on our School Council for the 2022/23 school year. Typically, School Councils meet in person on a regular basis to discuss school-wide interests and make recommendations to the principal however, as we have navigated through the pandemic, we recognize the value of virtual meetings. We will attempt to execute a hybrid model of in-person and virtual meetings to best accommodate our busy community.

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 of School Council, please complete the nomination form and send it to the W.H. Ballard email. 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 Friday September 30, 2022. Please note that you must attend the meeting on **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m.** in order to be elected to School Council. Our first meeting of this school year will be held in person at W.H. Ballard in our school library.

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,

Ian Pellizzari  
Principal

Nupi Gokhale  
Vice-Principal