

She:kon Indigenous Learners, Parents & Families:

On behalf of the First Nations, Metis, Inuit Community Advisory Committee (FNMI), the Indigenous Education Team at HWDSB, and Cultivating Community: Reclaiming Our Spaces in Education (CC:ROSE), the Indigenous Student Community at HWDSB, we are excited to share more information on the newly approved Indigenous Student Trustee position on the HWDSB Board of Trustees.

The Indigenous Student Trustee position, otherwise known as Shakowennakarátats (*[they] raises the voices of the family/community*), is a designated seat for a grade 11-12 self-identified Indigenous learner. Designates must also be enrolled in a full-time course load during the duration of the 2020-2021 school year.

The purpose and intent of the Indigenous Student Trustee, Shakowennakarátats, is to raise the voices of the family and/or community, and within this context, it is the Indigenous Student Community, otherwise known as CC:ROSE (please see CC:ROSE Expression of Interest Form for more information). Thus, designates must be an active participant of CC:ROSE. Selection by Indigenous students involved in CC:ROSE will take place on/before February 21, 2020.

Indigenous Learners at HWDSB now have two options:

1. To run for a Student Trustee election, following the Student Trustee Application process
2. Selection by Indigenous students involved with CC: ROSE that will take place on/before February 21st, 2020 for the Indigenous specific Student Trustee position

When all Student Trustees have been identified, a final Board report will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for ratification on March 9th, 2021. Incoming Student Trustee-elects will be invited to a swearing in ceremony at a Board meeting in May 2021.

The new Student Trustees will be asked to attend the **Ontario Student Trustees' Association Conference in May 2020** along with the outgoing Student Trustees, Cameron Prosic and Ahona Mehdi.

Nya:wen/Thank-you for your time and consideration, and we hope to see you at upcoming CC:ROSE events.

For more information about CC:ROSE and/or interest in the Indigenous Student Trustee appointment, please contact Jolene John at jjohn@hwdsb.on.ca or 905-527-5092, ext. 2464.

For more information about the role of student trustee, please contact Heather Miller at hmillier@hwdsb.on.ca or 905-527-5092, ext. 2279.

CC:ROSE and Indigenous Student Trustee
Expression of Interest Form

Name: _____

Grade as of September 2020: _____

You must be in Grade 11 or 12 as of September 2020 and a full-time student to be eligible for the position of Student Trustee

Secondary School and/or Program: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

The information provided will be used to contact you to send you information about participating in CC:ROSE (Cultivating Community: Reclaiming Our Spaces in Education).

CC:ROSE Information:

CC:ROSE is a student-led community for Indigenous learners who want to connect with each other through unique cultural opportunities and by sharing their voice as Indigenous youth across HWDSB.

CC:ROSE members will offer opportunities to come together as a vibrant, gifted community that is passionate about our histories as well as our shared futures. We invite students interested in traditional knowledge, connecting with Indigenous youth and raising the voices of all Indigenous learners to enhance community well-being and to implement meaningful change and transformation across the system.

Student Trustee Role:

Please note that Student Trustees attend weekly meetings with the Board of Trustees on Monday nights from September to June. The length of time for these meetings vary, but generally start at 5 pm and end at 10 pm. Student Trustees also plan and attend monthly meetings for Student Senate and those meetings are generally held after school. Additionally, the Student Trustees are often asked to represent the student voice at special community events and provincial student conferences, and to be involved in select Board activities.

Please email your completed CC:ROSE and Indigenous Student Trustee Expression of Interest Form to
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Heather Miller, Officer of Trustee Services, hmillier@hwdsb.on.ca