

**PINKY MCRAE**  
**Superior Greenstone DSB**  
**Northern Region (Sub Region West)**

**Candidate for:      First Vice-President**

It is with deep commitment to public education and a strong sense of purpose that I submit my nomination for the position of First Vice-President of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

As a trustee with the Superior Greenstone DSB since 2010 and Chair since 2011, I bring over 15 years of experience in school board governance, policy, and advocacy. Our board serves a vast diverse region of northwestern Ontario – 45,100 kilometers – spanning 10 elementary and 5 secondary schools and includes 13 First Nations and 12 Tribal Councils in two regions. We are in the Robinson-Superior Treaty, Treaty 9 and unceded territory. Over 51% of our students self-identify as First Nation, Metis or Inuit. I am passionate about ensuring that these students, along with all students across Ontario, are supported, represented and empowered to succeed.



My path in public education began as a parent, serving for 14 years on school councils, including time as chair, and later as a member of the Provincial Parent Board (2007-2009), where I collaborated with 17 other parents across the province of Ontario discussing education issues. There, I developed the skills to navigate complex, passionate discussions with purpose and perspective. I continue to prioritize learning and service by teaching mining programs for Confederation College, serving as a provincial mentor and panelist on school board governance through OPSOA's Supervisory Officer Qualification Program, mentoring new Chairs around governance as well as continue my personal learning in my role as a trustee.

Governance is my strong suit. I believe in the power of a well-informed board and have made it a priority to stay current, participating as ex officio in all board committees, including audit and strategic planning. I've also been a persistent voice for the North in provincial discussions, especially during the pandemic, where I ensured our region's concerns were heard at the highest level.

I am bilingual, collaborative, and deeply committed to OPSBA's mission and vision, especially the ongoing work related to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. I retired 2 years ago and have the time to dedicate to OPSBA. My "why" has always been simple: for the students, their success, their well-being, and their future. I was honoured to receive the Bernadine Yackman award this year and hope to continue her legacy by honoring the principles of dedication, leadership and commitment to education as OPSBA's First Vice President.

If selected as First Vice President, I will continue to be a strong advocate, a team player, and a dedicated leader with the experience and drive to serve all students across Ontario.

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