

Trustees are **of the community,** **by the community** and **for the community**



Trustees are the **oldest form of elected representation in Ontario**, with the office being in existence since 1807.



Trustees are members of the district school board or authority and are the representatives of the public, and are the **community's advocates for public education**.



Most trustees are **elected every four years** at the same time as municipal and school board elections. Many boards now also include the important voice of an **Indigenous school board trustee** from a First Nation located within the boundaries of the board.

There are also **Hospital Boards/School Authority Trustees** that are appointed by the Minister of Education.

Student Trustees are secondary students elected by their peers to represent the voice of students at the board table

DID YOU KNOW...
The Kindergarten-Grade 12 education sector is the second-largest recipient of provincial funding, after healthcare.

How do Trustees Support Students and Parents/Guardians?

School board trustees **establish the board vision, develop policies, allocate resources, and set the goals** that lay the foundation driving programs and operations in the board. Collectively, they create a multi-year **strategic plan** for student achievement and well-being and recruit and monitor the performance of the Director of Education to ensure goals are met.

Trustees maintain focus on student achievement and well-being, and bring the concerns of parents, students and supporters of the board to the attention of the board.



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