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Before you vote - get to know your local trustee candidates

Toronto, ON, September 26, 2018 - Schools are more than simple bricks and mortar. They are the foundation and heart of their communities. Schools connect students, parents, teachers, school staff, citizens and locally elected school board trustees together in support of a common goal – building bright futures for students.

Creating that future in schools across the province is a local affair and that's why it is vital that we vote for school board trustees. They bridge the gap between the community and the school board and ensure boards are accountable to parents, guardians and their local communities for student success and well-being.

On Monday, October 22, Municipal and School Board elections will be held throughout the province of Ontario. Voters will choose school trustees for 72 school boards in Ontario's four publicly funded systems.

Trustees are the only democratically elected individuals responsible for the education of Ontario's children. Voters should know who their local school board trustee candidates are and what they stand for before going to the polls on October 22. That's why the website elections.ontarioschooltrustees.org, was created by the Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) on behalf of Ontario's four school board/trustee associations. It features [profiles](#) of trustee candidates across all of Ontario's school boards, wards and zones. After election day, the site will be updated with election results. The website also features:

- Backgrounders on the roles and responsibilities of trustees and information on school boards
- Details on why, how, when and where to vote
- [Downloadable guides](#) including a guide on hosting an All Candidates Meeting
- [Printable posters](#) and banner ads for download to promote the election

Voters can also follow the conversation on Twitter by using the elections hashtag: *#OntEdVotes*.

School board trustees play a key leadership role in public education. Get to know your local trustee candidates before voting in the Municipal and School Board elections on October 22.

Today's students will be tomorrow's leaders. Your vote will help make that happen.

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