



OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



# Student Trustee Information Sheet

Student Trustees help shape Ontario's education system for the betterment of over 2 million students across the province, and most importantly for the students of the OCDSB.

## SPECIFIC ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Student Trustees take on a variety of responsibilities and fulfill various roles. Student Trustees speak on behalf of the District's students when attending meetings at the Board table, and across the province. Some of the responsibilities of a Student Trustee include the following:

- Serving as Chair of the OCDSB Student Senate;
- Serving as a non-voting advisory member of the OCDSB Presidents' Council;
- Serving as members of Committee of the Whole and the Board of Trustees, Student Trustees are not able to participate in binding votes, but work to represent the voices and perspectives of students in Board discussions;
- Presenting Student Trustee reports to the Board of Trustees;
- Attending conferences hosted by the Ontario Student Trustees' Association;
  - » Sitting on standing committees of OSTA-AECO
  - » Attending provincial advocacy meetings on behalf of OSTA-AECO
- Liaising with the superintendent responsible for student voice, staff advisor, and Board Services staff.

## OVERARCHING TERMS

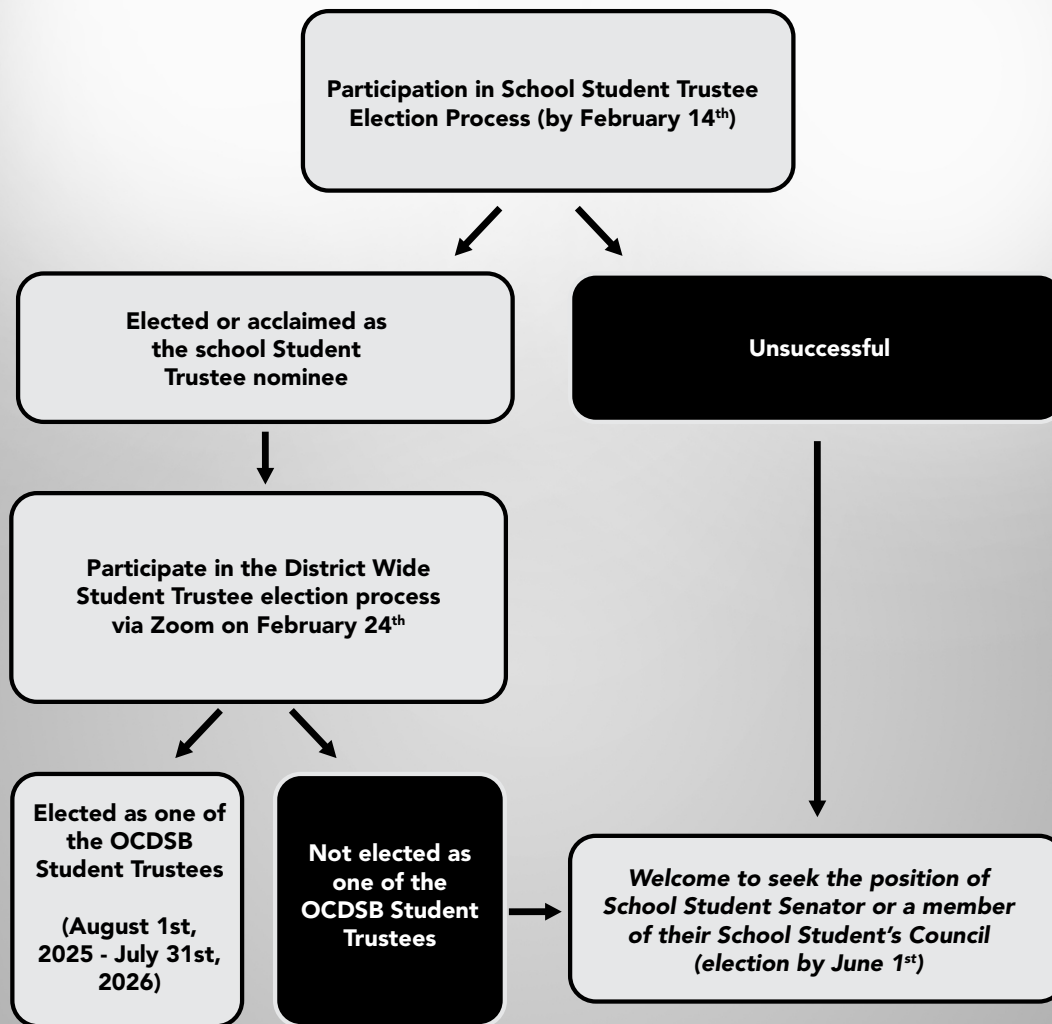
Student Trustees are elected for a one-year term, beginning on August 1<sup>st</sup>, and ending the following year, on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, Student Trustees are awarded a \$2500 honorarium for a fully-completed term.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Student Trustee candidates must be in either **grade 10 or 11** at the time of candidacy;
- Student Trustee candidates must be full-time pupils of a public or Catholic, Ministry-recognized Ontario secondary school institution.



# STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTION PROCESS



## MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information regarding the Student Trustee election process or the position of Student Trustee, please contact the current Student Trustees or consult the following resources:

- [www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/070007](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/070007)
- [www.osta-aeco.org](http://www.osta-aeco.org)
- [www.ocdsb.ca/about-us/student-trustees](http://www.ocdsb.ca/about-us/student-trustees)

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