

# About Municipal Elections

**You should know** that the letters patent of OFHSA indicate that H&S Associations and H&S Councils, *as an organized group*, cannot endorse or actively support a trustee candidate. However, *as individual members*, we have the right to support the candidate of our choice.

FOR INFORMATION ON THE ROLE OF THE TRUSTEE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD, VISIT THE WEBSITE OF THE ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION: [WWW.OPSBA.ORG](http://WWW.OPSBA.ORG)

## Municipal Elections are October 24, 2022 – Act Now!

### H&S ASSOCIATIONS AND H&S COUNCILS SHOULD:

- Stress the importance of trustee elections to all parents and taxpayers
- Distribute information to the community about the role of the school trustee
- Encourage parents to attend public meetings for trustee candidates
- Advertise the date, time and location of any trustee candidate meetings
- Sponsor or co-sponsor a meeting to which all trustee candidates can have equal opportunity to present their qualifications and answer questions about their position on educational concerns and issues
- Stress the important role that trustees have in involving parents as partners in education
- Survey parents to identify their concerns about the education system
- Prepare a questionnaire for candidates about the local concerns and issues. Collect responses from all the trustee candidates in the area and make the responses available to parents prior to the day of the election.

### H&S Members wishing to seek office:

- May not seek the endorsement of Home and School as a group.
- Should make every effort to ensure their campaign literature or statements do not imply the direct support of a H&S Association or H&S Council.
- Should refer to their involvement with H&S to reflect their knowledge and understanding of the education system and their commitment to public education.

## For H&S members who wish to support a candidate

- If you hold an executive position in your Association or H&S Council, consider if there could be a perception that the candidate has Home and School endorsement
- If you assist the candidate with literature or presentations, help them evaluate these for comments that might imply Home and School endorsement
- If there is a misunderstanding about your role as a Home and School member and a candidate supporter it could end up hurting the candidate

