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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### FIRST NATION SCHOOL BOARD BY-ELECTION CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS OPEN TOMORROW

A by-election to fill one vacant trustee position on the First Nation School Board (FNSB) is now underway.

Candidate nomination packages are now available at [ElectionsYukon.ca](http://ElectionsYukon.ca). Completed nomination forms will be accepted until noon on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Applications to vote by mail or by internet are also open. Eligible electors can apply to vote by filling out the application available on Elections Yukon's website.

Eligibility to vote or to be a candidate in the by-election is open to all Canadian citizens at least 18 years old who are either:

- the parent of a student attending a FNSB-operated school **OR**
- a member (or entitled to be a member) of a Yukon First Nation and have an ancestral language, that is a Yukon First Nation language, and have been a resident of the Yukon for at least three months.

To learn about the by-election process, including voting and nominations, the candidates, and for important election updates, visit [ElectionsYukon.ca](http://ElectionsYukon.ca) or follow @ElectionsYukon on Facebook, Instagram, or X (formerly Twitter).

#### Quote:

*Administering school board by-elections are an important part of the Elections Yukon mandate. As with all elections in the territory, we work to ensure impartial, non-partisan, and compliant processes, accessible to all eligible electors. With this important by-election, we continue to modernize processes, and increase accessibility and convenience with simple and secure online voting options. I encourage all interested candidates and eligible electors to learn about the process, participate, and exercise their right to vote in the by-election.*

Max Harvey, Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Yukon

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## BACKGROUND

The First Nation School Board was established in February 2022 and operates eleven schools in nine Yukon communities. The board is comprised of five elected trustees. As with all school boards in the Yukon, the First Nations School Board elections and any by-elections are administered by Elections Yukon.

For information on the First Nation School Board Yukon, visit [fnsb.ca](https://fnsb.ca)

## KEY DATES IN THE FIRST NATION SCHOOL BOARD BY-ELECTION

- **Monday, January 15: Open of applications to vote**  
Applications are open to vote by mail or by internet. Early registration is to support the mailing of voting packages to electors who wish to vote by mail.
- **Thursday, January 18: Notice of nominations**  
Candidate nomination forms can be submitted to Elections Yukon.
- **Thursday, February 1 at noon: Close of nominations**  
If one or more nominations are received, a poll will be held.
- **Friday, February 2: Voting period starts**  
Electors who applied to vote by internet will be emailed a PIN and link to the voting portal.
- **Monday, February 5 at noon: Application period closes for vote by mail**  
This is to accommodate mail delivery times. Ballots must be received by Elections Yukon by the close of polls to be counted.
- **Monday, February 12 at 7 PM: Application period closes for vote by internet**  
This is to allow application approvals and time for electors to vote before the close of polls.
- **Monday, February 12 at 8 PM: Close of polls**  
All ballots must be received by Elections Yukon to be counted.

## YUKON SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE FIRST NATION SCHOOL BOARD

- Chief Zzeh Gittlit School (Old Crow)
- Eliza Van Bibber School (Pelly Crossing)
- Ghùch Tlà Community School (Carcross)
- Grey Mountain Primary School (Whitehorse)
- Johnson Elementary School (Watson Lake)
- Kluane Lake School (Destruction Bay)
- Nelnah Bessie John School (Beaver Creek)
- Ross River School (Ross River)
- St. Elias Community School (Haines Junction)
- Takhini Elementary School (Whitehorse)
- Watson Lake Secondary School (Watson Lake)