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#### MEDIA ADVISORY

# SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTION UPDATE CANDIDATE NOMINATION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 25 AT NOON

With less than 48 hours remaining in the school council nomination period, 36 candidate nominations have been received, leaving 59% of elected positions without candidates. Two-fifths (41%) of Yukon Education school councils are without quorum of at least two candidates.

Yukoners considering putting their name forward as a candidate can visit <u>ElectionsYukon.ca</u> to find nomination packages, returning officer contact information, and more information about the school council election process. All nominations must be submitted to the returning officer appointed to the school before noon on Thursday, April 25.

### **Quick facts**

- The deadline to submit nomination papers is Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 12 noon. All nominations must be submitted to the <u>returning officer</u> appointed to the school.
- There are 86 elected positions on school councils. To date, 36 nominations have been received, leaving 59% of elected positions without candidates.
- There are 17 Yukon Education schools with councils. Seven schools, or 41%, do not have at least two nominated candidates. School councils require at least two candidates to operate.
- <u>Candidate nomination packages</u> can be downloaded or picked up from Yukon Education schools, returning officers, or at Elections Yukon's office in Whitehorse.
- <u>The list of candidates</u>, their photos and biographies (if submitted) are being posted as they are submitted.

#### Learn more

To learn about the nomination process, who is running as a candidate, and important election updates, visit <u>ElectionsYukon.ca</u> or follow @ElectionsYukon on Facebook or X (formerly Twitter).

# For more information, contact

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For information about school councils, visit <a href="yukon.ca/school-councils">yukon.ca/school-councils</a>.



# 2024 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS CANDIDATE UPDATE

Candidate nominations received to date, by Yukon education school

SCHOOL SCHOOL		# ELECTED POSITIONS	# CANDIDATES CONFIRMED	% WITHOUT CANDIDATES
Catholic schools	Christ the King Elementary School	5	3	40%
	Holy Family Elementary School	5	6	
	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	5	3	40%
Whitehorse-area schools	École Selkirk Elementary School	5	1	80%
	École Whitehorse Elementary School	7	4	43%
	Elijah Smith Elementary School	3	0	100%
	F.H. Collins Secondary School	7	1	86%
	Golden Horn Elementary School	5	2	60%
	Hidden Valley School	5	0	100%
	Jack Hulland Elementary School	7	6	14%
	Porter Creek Secondary School	7	2	71%
	Whistle Bend Elementary School	5	2	60%
Community schools	Del Van Gorder School (Faro)	5	3	40%
	J.V. Clark School (Mayo)	3	2	33%
	Khàtinas.axh Community School (Teslin)	3	0	100%
	Robert Service School (Dawson)	6	0	100%
	Tantalus School (Carmacks)	3	1	67%
	TOTAL	35	36	60%

#### Who can be nominated as a candidate

Yukoners can be nominated or vote in a school council election if they are a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years of age, and either:

- the parent/guardian of a student attending the school AND/OR
- have been a resident\* in the school's attendance area for at least three (3) months.

# How to be nominated as a candidate

Yukoners considering putting their names forward for school council must submit their completed nomination papers to the <u>returning officer</u> appointed to their school **before noon on Thursday, April 25, 2024**. Candidate nomination packages can be downloaded from <u>ElectionsYukon.ca</u> or picked up from:

- Yukon Education schools
- school returning officers
- Elections Yukon's office in Whitehorse.

<sup>\*</sup>School council elections at the three Whitehorse Catholic schools require residents to also be registered parishioners at Sacred Heart Cathedral parish or Our Lady of Victory parish. Catholics who are unregistered can contact the Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse to discuss other options.