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MEDIA ADVISORY

SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTION UPDATE CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS CLOSED: THREE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TO HOLD A VOTE

Candidate nominations for the 17 Yukon Education school councils closed at noon today. All school councils will meet quorum, having at least two elected members. A total of 79 candidates put their names forward for 86 elected positions.

School council members in the 14 public schools were elected by acclamation. The three Catholic schools will hold a poll to elect members to their school council, they are:

- Christ the King Elementary School
- Holy Family Elementary School
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School

Who can vote

Yukoners can vote in the 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 **and** are a registered parishioner of Sacred Heart Cathedral parish or Our Lady of Victory parish
OR
- have written approval from the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse designating them a resident in the attendance area for electoral purposes.

How to vote

Eligible electors can vote in-person at the school holding the election on:

- Saturday, May 4 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; or
- Monday, May 6 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Electors can also vote by requesting a ballot be mailed to them or be held for pick up at Elections Yukon's office during business hours.

Quick facts

- There are 17 Yukon Education schools with councils with a combined total of 86 elected positions.
- The deadline for candidates to submit nomination papers was Thursday, April 25, 2024, at noon.
- 79 Yukoners were nominated for election. Of those nominated:
 - 24 (28%) are parents of a student attending the school

- 20 (23%) are residents of the school's attendance area
- 35 (41%) are both parents of a student attending the school and a resident of the school's attendance area
- Three schools (18%) will hold a vote to elect members to the school council. All three schools are Catholic schools. There are a combined 26 candidates for the 15 elected school council positions. The list of candidates, and their photos and biographies (if submitted) can be found on [ElectionsYukon.ca](https://electionsyukon.ca).
- Fourteen schools (82%) elected members to school council by acclamation. Of those, four filled all elected positions.
- At the close of nominations, 18 positions remained vacant.
- All schools had at least two nominated candidates. School councils require at least two members to operate.
- Applications to vote by mail are available on [ElectionYukon.ca](https://electionsyukon.ca) or by emailing schools@electionsyukon.ca.
- Elected members will begin their term of office the day before the start of the 2024/25 school year. School calendars are available on [Yukon.ca](https://yukon.ca).

Learn more

To learn about the voting process, the candidates, and for important election updates, visit [ElectionsYukon.ca](https://electionsyukon.ca).

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