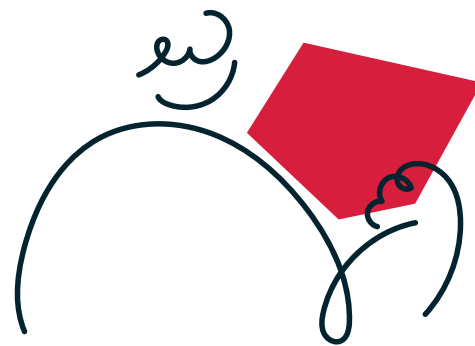


THE ROLE OF A SCHOOL TRUSTEE



✓ Set Strategic Direction

School trustees work with their board to develop the district's strategic plan, the roadmap for student success that guides decisions, priorities, and resource allocation.

✓ Govern Finances Responsibly

School trustees oversee significant public funds, approve annual budgets and capital plans, and ensure every dollar supports student learning, well-being, and district goals.

✓ Hire & Support Leadership

School Trustees appoint the superintendent (district CEO) and ensure effective systems are in place, without managing day-to-day operations or individual staff.

✓ Improving Student Achievement

The core responsibility of a school trustee is to improve student achievement for the communities they represent. School trustees play a vital role in shaping the conditions that allow every student to thrive. As elected representatives of their communities, trustees are ultimately accountable for ensuring that the decisions made at the board table translate into improved outcomes for the students they serve, from the policies they set to the resources they prioritize.

✓ Champion Your Community

School trustees work alongside parents, First Nation communities, local governments, and organizations to strengthen public education for all.

✓ Make Collective Decisions

School trustees debate ideas, vote on direction, and uphold board decisions, even when they personally disagree. This requires a fundamental shift in mindset. As a trustee, you are an individual elected by your community – but you govern as part of a corporate board that speaks with one voice.

Once a decision is made, it belongs to the board, not to any single member. A trustee who voted in the minority carries the same responsibility for the success of that decision as every other board member. Authority rests with the board, not with individual trustees, and the board's credibility depends on each member honouring that principle.

