

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS & NEXT STEPS

WHO CAN RUN?

- Must be a qualified elector in the Northwest Territories.
- Must be a resident within the Yellowknife Catholic School District boundary.
- Must be committed to supporting and enhancing Catholic education.

HOW TO PREPARE

1. **Attend a Meeting:** Public YCS Board meetings are open to the community.
2. **Review Resources:** Read board policy guidelines and candidate handbooks.
3. **Connect with the Community:** Engage with local parishes, parent advisory councils, and school leaders.



SERVING OUR FAITH & COMMUNITY

A Guide to Becoming a
Catholic School Board Trustee

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Building a community of learners grounded in Faith, Hope, and Love.

YELLOWKNIFE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Faith-Based Excellence in Education

Serving as a trustee is a calling to safeguard Catholic education, empower youth, and guide our schools with wisdom, faith, and accountability.

WHAT IS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE?

A Catholic School Trustee is a locally elected community advocate dedicated to preserving and strengthening faith-based public education in Yellowknife.

As a Trustee, you serve as a vital link between the Catholic community, parents, school staff, and local government.

THE COLLECTIVE BOARD BODY

- An individual trustee holds no legal authority on their own.
- All official decisions, policies, and directions are made collectively by the Board of Trustees acting as a unified voice.

CORE PILLARS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Faith Leadership & Stewardship: Protect and promote the Catholic identity, values, and traditions within our schools.
- Governance & Strategy: Establish long-term strategic plans, mission goals, and district policies.
- Superintendent Oversight: Hire, support, and evaluate the Superintendent, who manages district staff and daily operations.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibility Area	Trustee Action & Impact
Financial Oversight	Review and approve the annual YCS operating budget to ensure responsible use of taxpayer and NWT funding.
Resource Allocation	Allocate funding equitably across schools to support student achievement, special needs, and faith programs.
Capital & Facilities	Oversee building maintenance, school upgrades, and future capital planning for YCS facilities.
Labor & Policy	Approve collective bargaining agreements and review board policies governing conduct and district operations.
Community Engagement	Listen to concerns from parents, parishioners, and residents to bring local perspectives into board decisions.



WHY SERVES AS A TRUSTEE?

NURTURE CATHOLIC VALUES:

Ensure spiritual growth and Catholic teachings remain central to local curriculum and culture.

ADVOCATE FOR STUDENTS:

Help create safe, inclusive, and academically challenging learning environments.

BE THE VOICE OF YELLOWKNIFE:

Represent local families and lobby government bodies for fair educational funding and policy support.