

ALEX MULOOKI

Yellowknife Catholic Schools
2026 Trustee Candidate Profile



Biography:

Alex has called Yellowknife home since 2015. He and his wife came to Canada from Uganda in 2013, and their three children grew up here, attending Weledah Catholic School and École St. Patrick High School. All three went on to post-secondary studies: two have graduated, and the third will graduate next year. Alex credits their success in large part to the faith-based education they received in Yellowknife Catholic Schools. Alex has more than 20 years of experience in financial management, public sector accounting, internal audit, and financial reform. He has held senior roles with the Government of the Northwest Territories, including Internal Auditor, Comptroller, and Manager of Finance and Administration. He currently serves as Manager of Finance and Procurement Services with the Legislative Assembly. He is a Certified Public Accountant of Kenya (CPAK) and holds an MBA, along with professional designations in auditing and investigations. Alex joined the Yellowknife Catholic Schools Board of Trustees in September 2024 and has chaired the Finance and Facilities Committee for the past year. He currently volunteers with Holy Trinity Anglican Church, the Anglican Diocese of the Arctic, and the Yellowknife Lakeshore Co-op, and previously volunteered with Side Door Ministries and the Salvation Army Men's Shelter and food rescue program.

Question 1: Why are you running for trustee?

I'm running again because I believe in what Catholic education does for children. I've seen it in my own family. Since joining the Board in September 2024, and chairing the Finance and Facilities Committee this past year, I've learned how the Board works, where the pressures are, and how decisions made at the board table reach the classroom. I would like to build on that experience and continue the work we have started together as a Board. My goal is simple: every YCS student should have a safe school, strong teachers, and an education rooted in faith and

values. Our resources should also be managed carefully and openly, so families, staff, and the wider community can trust how public funds are spent.

Question 2: What is the biggest challenge facing Yellowknife Catholic Schools, and how would you address it?

One of our biggest challenges is sustaining the specialized supports many students rely on. Changes to Jordan's Principle, a federal program that funds services for First Nations children, ended funding that paid for educational assistants and other classroom supports. Territorial funding has helped fill part of that gap, and the division has managed the change carefully, but schools need long-term, predictable funding to plan with confidence. As a Board, we continue to advocate for these students with elected leaders and the territory's Department of Education, Culture and Employment, and I'm proud to be part of that effort. As Finance and Facilities chair, I'll keep working with fellow trustees and senior administration to make every dollar count, plan several years, and keep classroom support for students as our priority in budget decisions.

Question 3: How will you support both student success and Catholic education?

I don't see these as separate goals. Faith formation builds character, resilience, and a sense of purpose that carry into every subject. Over this term, we as a Board have supported programs developed by our leadership and staff. These include the aviation program at the Kimberlite Career and Technical Centre, which opens new career paths for St. Pat's students, and the new district-wide Open Parachute mental health curriculum. Going forward, I'll work with my fellow trustees to make sure our budgets protect what matters most: good teachers, learning and wellness supports, and the faith formation and chaplaincy that make our schools distinct. I'll support a welcoming community for families of every background, as my own family was welcomed, and I'll keep listening to parents, staff, and students.

Question 4: What experience or perspective makes you the best candidate for the role?

I bring three things: Board experience, financial expertise, and a parent's perspective. As a trustee since 2024 and chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee for the past year, I understand the division's budget, its buildings, and the pressures our schools face, so I can continue contributing from day one. My 20+ years in public sector finance, audit, and governance, including senior roles with the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Legislative Assembly, help me read budgets critically, strengthen policy, and support accountability. As a parent who raised three children through Weledeh and St. Pat's, I know what YCS means to families. And having built a new life in Yellowknife after coming from another country, I understand the journey many of our newest families are on.