



Simon CUI - Election for School Trustee of RH 1,2,4

My name is Simon Cui, living in Jefferson Side/Jefferson Forest Community (JFC) of Richmond Hill nearly 10 years. Over years, I have actively participated in and organized various community events, including charity, sports and culture exchanges. I obtained my bachelor degree (1996) and master degree (2000) in computer science. I immigrated to Canada in 2001 and have taken a few different senior positions in government, the world's top 100 companies, and the top five banks of Canada. During my professional career, I won many honorary titles such as "Top 1 Contributor" and "The Best of the Best". I proudly announce that I am running my campaign for the election of Richmond Hill Ward 1, 2, and 4 trustee. I am looking for your support!

In the 2018 York Region District School Board (YRDSB) trustee election, I got 4562 votes and slightly lost to the previous trustee Corrie McBain (6114 votes). In the summer of 2020, due to Corrie's resignation, YRDSB decided to conduct a by-election! I decided to run again for our students and parents regarding education-related issues, especially during the COVID-19 epidemic, students can have a safe and high-quality learning environment with a safe, fair and high-quality school education infrastructure.

Why did I decide to participate in the election?

If the decision to participate in the 2018 election was due to dissatisfaction with the low quality of education, the new education syllabus, and school safety, the 2020 trustee election would be mainly driven by the concerns about the COVID19 epidemic, which includes, but not limited to, the impacts of the education system, parents' concerns about how to ensure the safety of their children and sustainable education methods during the epidemic. Listening to the opinions of public health experts and parents from communities, providing the most accurate public opinion and feedback information to the YRDSB, ensuring the quality and monitoring of quality of the education will be the key. In the challenge of new problems and new issues including COVID19, we should find a practical and effective way to face the epidemic and the challenges to the future education system.

As a parent with a skilled immigrant background, I deeply understand the importance of education to the future of our children. In my spare time, I actively tutor French, English, mathematics, guitar, flute, etc. for children in the community.

During the 2020 epidemic, I cooperated with many community volunteers and various educational institutions to provide English writing, Math, Public speech, Painting, Calligraphy, Chinese Literacy and other activities. By organizing various educational activities for children, I gradually realized that more education services should be provided to more children.

Since 2015, I have been working with community members to organize and participate in a variety of activities related to student/child education.

JFC family / children camping activities

Starting from 2015, supported by community residents, I began to organize community family camping programs in Canada and the United States. In July 2018, more than 40 children participated in the camping event.

JFC children's biking activities

It has been around 4 years that I organized the kids bicycling events during the weekend, we all rode together along the Oak Ridge Trail for 12 to 16 km each time.

JFC Children's Choir and Children's Dance Team

Since 2015, I have participated in organizing the Christmas parties for my community. The performance of the Children's Choir and Dance Team is always one of the most popular performances in the party.

JFC French tutoring/reading activities

From July 2017, I started to teach French, English and Math to children in my community every weekend in Richmond Hill Central Library. We read French books together plus learning grammars and homework. During COVID 19 period, I launched the online teaching classes, which covers Grade 4 to Grade 8 level French and more than 120 childrens joined this program.

JFC Children's Charity Concert (Sick Kids Hospital)

Since January 2017, working with my community, I participated in the organization of my community kids charity music concert for Toronto SickKids Hospital. More than 50 children from my community joined the charity concert and all the donations were sent to Sick Kids Hospital. Due to COVID 19, we cancelled the 2020 charity concert.

In January 2018, I coordinated with the ski program with Yiluchi Ski School to provide professional ski training for more than 60 children in my community.

In the Spring Festival of 2018, coordinated with the Richmond Hill House League, a special public meeting was held for children in my community to strengthen the publicity and participation of hockey program. There are also many children in my community who join the house league later on.

From 2017, I started to work with BlueSky Badminton Club to provide badminton training for children in my community

From 2018, I regularly organize and encourage children in my community to participate in long- distance running exercise.

In 2019, with the support of our ward 1 and ward 6 councillors Greg Beros and Godwin Chan, we organized city-wide table tennis training and hosted in our Oakridge community centre and Rouge Woods community centre.

As a long-term community event organizer, I love our community and I am more concerned about the education of the next generation. With the encouragement and support of many parents in the community, after careful consideration, I decided to participate in the by-election of the Richmond Hill 1/2/4 District Board of Education of the York Region District School Board trustee. I hope to serve this community better as a competent board member.

As an immigrant, especially an immigrant, I have a common dream with everyone. Children are the future of society. Education not only affects our children, but also affects the entire society.

Here are my commitments:

SAFETY student, staff and stakeholder health in a COVID19 world, safe school environment and proactive countermeasures

ADEQUACY teaching delivery methods, course arrangements and teaching quality

FORWARD-THINKING various teaching methods under pandemic, innovative concept, high-tech teaching approaches

EQUITY ensured fair opportunities regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion or financial status

I need your support for the children's tomorrow, and I need your vote! Please vote for me on October 14-19!

Thank you all!

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