

RE-ELECT CAROL CHAN - YRDSB TRUSTEE IN RICHMOND HILL Ward 1,2,4

My family and I have been residents of Richmond Hill for over 30 years, and have developed strong ties to the community. For eight years between 2010 and 2018, I served as a Trustee for the York Region District School Board (YRSSB). I was also a former coordinator for YRSSB International Languages (Chinese) Program and a former administrator of YRDSB International Languages Program at Bayview Secondary School. As well, I have been an Assistant Supervisor of the Children's Division of City of Toronto, and currently, I am an IBI / ABA Therapist serving individuals with special needs.

During my two terms as a YRDSB trustee, I made great efforts to listen to the voice of our students, their families and local communities, and acted as their advocate and champion. I helped build positive and strong relationships between the school board and the Ministry of Education, City Council and local communities through school visits, and attending annual celebrations like Graduation Ceremonies and community events such as Canada Day, Multicultural Night etc. I was also one of the few committee members responsible for selecting the two former School Board Directors and reviewing their annual performance.

My accomplishments mainly involved building relationships, trust and accountability with the Ministry of Education, schools, parents and local communities. For instance, I hosted Town Hall meetings for public consultation on revising YRDSB's multi-year strategic plans on education. Through surveys and petitions, I helped collect and reflect parents' concerns regarding the Legalized Recreational Marijuana and the revised Health and Physical Education. In light of the high demands for International Baccalaureate (IB) and Arts Programs from the community, I was instrumental in working with the school board to expand these programs to four more secondary schools across the York Region.

In addition, I helped organize the 6th annual Asian Heritage Month Community Celebration in Richmond Hill. I have also been actively involved in the school board's Eco Team and Anti-Bullying Association in order to promote safer and healthier school communities. As well, I co-ordinated the Publishing Team for a book of "Picturesque Richmond Hill", which was distributed to schools, community centers and public libraries – as a way to celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday and to promote students' sense of belonging to their own community. At present, I organize and host a series of online Parents Talks to help parents ease their anxiety around schools re-opening and virtual learning.

With my 8-year of experience as a former YRDSB trustee, along with my strong sense of commitment, passion and bilingual capability, I'd like to be elected for the replacement of trustee 2020. My vision is to create "One Community with Harmony and Prosperity" by promoting Civic Education as a high priority in our schools. I look forward to working collaboratively with all board team members to help overcome the ongoing challenges related to Covid-19, racism, mental health, and students' learning and achievement gaps.

"Investing in Tomorrow by Serving Children Today" and "Collaborate in Education, Brighten Our Future" - Please vote for Carol Chan by-election of Public School Board Trustee on October 14-19/2020.

LEADERSHIP / EXPERIENCE: Actively involvement in different Advisory Committee of YRDSB

- Chair of Property and Managements Committee
- Chair of By-law and Policy Advisory Committee
- Board of Directors for Ontario Public School Boards Association
- Member of Chair's Committee
- Students Engagement, Achievement and Well-Being
- Budget Advisory Committee
- Program and Curriculum Advisory Committee
- Accessibility for Ontarian with Disabilities Act (AODA)
- Education Representative for Heritage Richmond Hill
- Students Success and steering Advisory Committee
- Eco / Safety Team - Health and Safety Schools and Workplace
- Special Education Advisory Committee
- Parent, Family and Community Advisory Committee
- Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee
- Joint Board Consortium

Social Services / Awards

- Recipient of the Excellent Education Achievements Award from "In Celebration Of Women 2004"
- Advisor of Under The Banyan Tree Training Centre
- Advisor of Richmond Hill Seniors Association
- Advisor of Life Education and Growth Association of Canada
- Ambassador of World Vision
- Chair of Asian Heritage Month Celebration and Excellent Asian Students Award
- Program Host of Radio FM 102.7 for "Collaborate In Education".
- Program Host of Toronto TV for " Education Insight"
- Founder and Head Teacher of Children's Ministry of Richmond Hill Christian Community Church
- Vice President and Chair of Human Resources for SEAS CENTRE
- Member of Heritage, New Horizon and Pak Lai Lions Club
- Judge of Ontario Chinese Debate Association and Mandarin Lions Club Arts Festival.

My priorities are:

1. Rebuild Trust and Accountability
2. Champion equity, inclusiveness and diversity
3. Enhance Students Achievement and Well-being
4. Ensure health and safety of students and staff
5. Explore appropriate methods of assessment to guide and support student improvement
6. Support student success and well-being through enhancing such programs as “ My Pathway”, “STEAM “ , “ Arts and physical education “

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