



# Become a School Trustee

Boards of education are elected to improve student achievement. They do it by engaging their communities in building and maintaining a school system that reflects local priorities, values and expectations. School trustees listen to their communities, guide the work of their school district, setting a plan, policy and the annual budget – and report back to the public on how our students are doing.

Each school district in BC is required to have a board of education composed of school trustees locally elected or appointed by the minister of education.

There is much you can do to learn more about your local school district. Whether you're running as a trustee for the first time or have served the community in the past, it's a good idea to review the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) website to get the background on a range of education issues.

<http://www.bcsta.org/>

- Review the Ministry of Education website to access the *School Act*.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/manual-of-school-law>

- Familiarize yourself with the school district website.

<http://www.sd33.bc.ca>

- Read board meeting minutes.

<https://www.sd33.bc.ca/board-education-meetings>

- Review the Strategic Plan.

<https://stratplan.sd33.bc.ca/>

- Review the 2019-20 Financial Statement Discussion & Analysis Paper.

<https://sd33.bc.ca/sites/sd33.bc.ca/files/2020-09/Financial%20Statement%20Discussion%20Analysis%20Pages%20-%20Final.pdf>

Learn how the district's policy manual is laid out and what it covers.

<https://www.sd33.bc.ca/policy-manual>



*For more information, please contact your local school board office:*

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