

Message From Our Trustee

Happy 2019! I hope your holiday season was festive, and your vacation restful. I like to welcome this season with renewed enthusiasm, seeing it as a time for reflection at the year ahead, building upon our accomplishments of the past.

I am honoured to not only serve as your trustee, but also as Budget Chair, where I will work tirelessly to ensure that resources are directed to areas that best serve students and the continual improvement of public education. We have exciting initiatives in the works. The new Board of Trustees is filled with a varied set of skills and experience, driven to bring forward innovative ideas to York Region District School Board.

Schools are our children's home away from home; in recent months I've had the opportunity to visit our schools, and see the wonderful work being done by our teachers and staff members. I've spoken with parents and teachers about ways we can collectively improve educational outcomes and support the priorities in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#):

- Foster well-being and mental health
- Build collaborative relationships
- Champion equity and inclusivity
- Empower ethical leadership

In the upcoming months, I will continue to engage with principals, school councils, parents and students about our journey ahead. Each and every individual's insights are invaluable to strengthening our education system, and I look forward to achieving our goals together.

I'm always happy to hear your thoughts - and you can join the conversation on Twitter @david4thornhill.

Warmest regards,

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