

Open Letter to my Constituents

Dear friends, neighbors, Catholic rate payors,

I'm writing to you in anticipation of the upcoming election on October 24, 2022, to impress upon you the importance of voting in record numbers for the next Board of Directors of the HCDSB. I cannot emphasize enough the need to refocus our board to its core statutory obligations for governance, accountability to parents and rate payers. The Board in 2021 and 2022 became consumed with the politics of the day as the role of the Chair drifted away from that of impartial arbitrators to the favor of a block of ideologically driven trustees. The muzzling of non-conforming voices either from trustees or members of the community has regrettably become the norm. Whether by muting, expulsions, delegations declined in record numbers, code of conduct violations conveniently timed for the elections the list goes on. Meanwhile the school yard antics, the jeering, the sarcasm, the Cheshire smiles, the virtual cheerleaders, and the twitter trolls never relented from their canceling and shaming campaigns. Bullying skills, such as these, learned years ago in the school yard, which we do not accept from our students, should have no place with the adults running our school board.

Regrettably a recent medical event and a promise to my family to focus on a speedy recovery has precluded me from being on the ballot this time. Having garnered the most votes of all candidates in the last election I feel a deep sense of responsibility to my supporters and a great disappointment for not being able represent you this time around. There will be another time and another way.

Respectfully

Peter DeRosa Oakville Trustee at Large and former Chair of the Board 2018/20