

Tansi, Edlánat'e, Hello,

Be a leader



become a school
board trustee

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Do I have what it takes to be a successful school board trustee?

Successful school board trustees put the needs of all students first. They run for office because they passionately believe a quality education is one of the most important things a community can do to ensure students have the knowledge and skills that enable them to be better prepared for life.

Do I need to be an expert in education?

No you don't. The school board trustee does not serve as a professional educator or as the spokesperson for a particular interest group. The ideal school board includes people from all aspects of life.

What does a school board trustee do?

School board trustees are local politicians elected by and accountable to the community they serve and understand they have a fiduciary duty to all students. The provincial government delegates to school boards the responsibility for conducting the affairs of the school jurisdiction. The school board has many responsibilities, including:

- setting school jurisdiction goals that ensure students have the knowledge and skills that enable them to be better prepared for life;
- planning school jurisdiction priorities based on provincial curriculum requirements, community input, available resources and best practices in education;
- developing policies to guide school jurisdiction administration and employees toward division goals;
- ensuring residents of the school jurisdiction are regularly informed about the work and achievements of the school division;
- advocating on behalf of the school community to decision-makers and stakeholders on important issues that affect education; and to ensure education is a top priority;
- ensuring regular opportunities for public input and access; and
- evaluating the school jurisdiction's chief executive officer - the superintendent of schools;
- oversight achievement of division goals, policies and ultimately student success.

Frequently asked questions - Northland School Division Act

Am I eligible to run for school board trustee?

You are eligible to run if:

- you are at least 18 years old;
- you are a Canadian citizen;
- is eligible to vote in that election;
- has been a resident of the local jurisdiction and the ward, if any, for the six (6) consecutive months immediately preceding nomination day; and
- is not otherwise ineligible or disqualified.

Click on the website link for more information on wards and First Nations reserves included in each ward <https://www.nsd61.ca/governance>.

Who is not eligible to run for school board trustee?

Sections 22, 23 and 24 of the Local Authorities Election Act specify circumstances that cause an individual to be ineligible. The most common reasons for ineligibility are:

- an individual who is an employee or auditor of the jurisdiction (for which the office is sought) on Nomination Day may not be a candidate for trustee. (Note: An employee can run for trusteeship if granted a leave of absence.);
- an individual who fails to meet the residency requirement on Nomination Day may not be a candidate for trustee.

Can I run for trustee in any ward?

- No. You must live within the ward you wish to run for trustee in. You must be eligible to vote and have lived in that ward for six consecutive months immediately preceding nomination day.

What is the time commitment?

- 15-20 hours per month which includes:
- Board Meetings;
- eight days per year for workshops;
- attendance at provincial conferences if able to attend;
- School Council and Ward Council Meetings;
- meetings with key partners;
- events within the ward or school division.

How are school board trustees compensated for service, travel, meals and accommodations?

Compensation is provided for trustees by the following means: honorariums for meetings, conventions etc. travel costs including (meals, hotel accommodations, mileage), conference registration fees and supply needs as required (i.e. paper/pens etc.). The compensation is based on [Policy 7 - Appendix A Schedule of Rates](#).

If I want to run to become a school board trustee, where do I pick up nomination papers?

Nomination papers will be available at the Northland School Division central office located at 9809 77th Avenue, Peace River and at the Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement office.

When and where do candidates file their nomination papers?

Interested individuals can drop off nomination papers at the Northland School Division central office located at 9809 77th Avenue, Peace River until noon on August 19, 2020.

How many signatures do I need on my nomination form?

You will need five (5) signatures on your nomination form.

Who can sign my nomination form?

Each person who signs a candidate's nomination papers must be eligible to vote in the election. Only electors who are residents of the ward for which a candidate is being nominated may sign the nomination. When filing nomination papers, it must be affirmed by either the:

- returning officer
- deputy returning officer; or a
- commissioner of oath.

If I want to run to become a school board trustee, are there specific policies I should review from NSD's Policy Manual?

Yes please review:

- Policy 2 - Role of the Board
- Policy 3 - Role of the Trustee
- Policy 4 - Trustee Code of Conduct

The Policy Manual is available on the Northland School Division website <http://nsd61.ca/governance/policy-manual>.

About Us

Northland School Division is situated in some of the most stunning areas in northern Alberta. Covering 288,347 square kilometres, our schools are located near mountains, lakes, rivers, forests, and wetlands in Treaty 6 and 8 territories. We hold high respect for the history, language, and culture in these territories. At NSD, 95% of the student population is of First Nations, Métis and Inuit descent. We have approximately 2000 students in 20 schools. Our schools are located in municipalities, First Nation reserves, and Métis Settlements.

The Northland School Division Act sets the boundaries of the jurisdiction as that part of Alberta lying north of the north boundary of township 55 excepting any lands contained in any other school division or any First Nation.

Commitment

To inspire students to be the best they can be by providing outstanding holistic educational opportunities, with amazing staff and strong partnerships with families and communities.

Vision

"Out students love to come to school in Northland"

Board Priorities

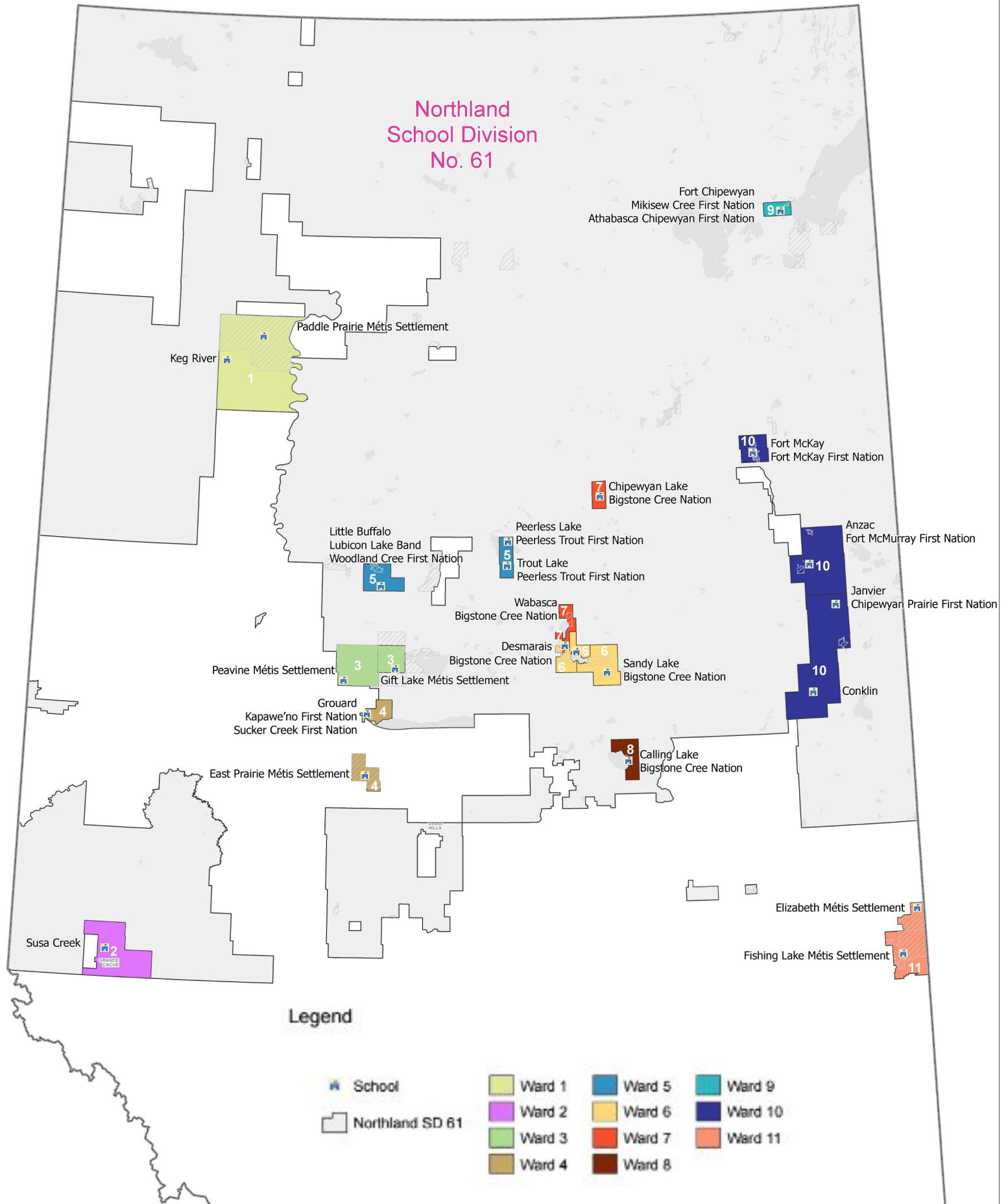
Excellence in Leadership	Excellence in Relationships	Excellence in Learning	Excellence in Financial Practices
Priority 1: Through excellent leadership practices by everyone, everyone feels welcome and valued.	Priority 2: Actively develop and purposefully work to maintain healthy relationships.	Priority 3: Students achieve their potential in literacy and numeracy.	Priority 4: Northland has a balanced budget for 2020-2021.

Electoral Wards

Ward	Communities	First Nations with Education Service or Tuition Agreement	Schools Within Ward
1	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement Keg River		Paddle Prairie
2	Susa Creek		Susa Creek
3	Gift Lake Métis Settlement Peavine Métis Settlement	Whitefish Lake First Nation (No.459) Utikoomak Lake (No. 155/ 155A/ 155B)	Gift Lake Bishop Routhier
4	East Prairie Métis Settlement Grouard	Kapawe'no First Nation (No. 150B/ 150C/ 150D/ 229/ 230) Sucker Creek First Nation (No. 150A)	Hillview Grouard Northland
5	Peerless Lake Trout Lake Little Buffalo	Peerless Trout First Nation (Peerless Trout Indian Reserve No. 238) Lubicon Lake Band Woodland Cree First Nation (No. 226/ 227/ 228)	
6	Desmarais Sandy Lake	Bigstone Cree Nation No. 458 (Wabasca No. 166/ 166A/ 166D, Pelican Settlement)	Mistassiniy Career Pathways Pelican Mountain
7	Wabasca Chipewyan Lake	Bigstone Cree Nation No. 458 (Wabasca No. 166B/ 166C)	St. Theresa Chipewyan Lake
8	Calling Lake	Bigstone Cree Nation No. 458 Jean Baptiste Gambler No. 183	Calling Lake Calling Lake Outreach
9	Fort Chipewyan	Mikesew Cree First Nation No. 461 (Dog Head No. 218, Devil's Gate 220, Allison Bay No. 219, Sandy Point No. 221, Old Fort No. 217) Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation(Chipewyan No. 201/ 201A/ 201B/ 201C/ 201D/ 201E/ 201F/ 201G)	Athabasca Delta Community
10	Anzac Chard Conklin Fort McKay	Chipewyan Prairie First Nation (Janvier No. 194, Cowper Lake Indian Reserve 194A, Winefred Lake Indian Reserve No. 194B) Fort McKay First Nation No. 467 (Fort McKay Indian Reserve No. 174/ 174C/ 174D/ Namur Lake No. 174A/ 174B/) Fort McMurray No. 468 First Nation (Gregoire Lake No. 176/ 176A/ 176B, Clearwater No. 175)	Anzac Bill Woodward Conklin Father R. Perin Fort McKay
11	Elizabeth Métis Settlement Fishing Lake Métis Settlement		Elizabeth J.F. Dion

* Note: One trustee elected per ward

Ward Map



Some of this information is courtesy of the Alberta School
Boards Association, Alberta Education and the Local
Authorities Election Act.

This is for general information only.



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