

Letter to the Editor

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School Councils keep the **public** in public education.

There are important elections coming this fall—Yukon School Council elections take place October 4, 2010. Get out and participate in your school community!

Did you know that in the last School Council elections held in 2008:

--of 25 schools, only 4 even had enough candidates to have School Council elections??

--that only another 9 had enough people come forward to fill the Council seats??

This left 12 School Councils with not enough people to fill the elected member seats....and there are only 3 to 7 of these seats for each of these 25 Yukon schools.

We'd like to see this change and here's why---

School Councils play an important role because of their ability to make decisions that have an impact on the direction and quality of public education, both at the school and Yukon levels.

School Councils address public education issues that are important to their community.

A locally elected School Council plays an instrumental part in what and how the students learn.

School Councils can help build, strengthen, and support the social, cultural and academic knowledge base of their community.

Nomination papers are in school offices as of September 13th, and nominations close at noon on Sept 23rd.

We encourage you to:

--consider being a candidate;

--nominate candidates who will work as a member of your school community team.

And finally, get out and vote for those you know will provide a broad base of community representation, all sharing the focus on what is best for student learning

For more details on the election, go to www.electionsyukon.gov.yk.ca/school.html or call, Elections Yukon at 667-8683 or toll-free 1 866 668-8683.

If you'd like more information about School Councils and their roles, contact info@ayscbc.org

Sincerely,

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