Sample School newsletter article for School Councils

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2016

This spring, communities will take part in deciding who will help shape and direct local education for the next two years.

We encourage friends and neighbours to discuss this opportunity to participate in our local school governance. Having broad representation from the community is important, we need a variety of voices speaking and ears listening at the table---all sharing a common interest in what's best for student learning.

Nomination papers will be available in the school office and at the Elections Yukon office. Nominations open on April 11th and all papers must be filed with the returning officer for our school by no later than April 21st at noon. Elections will be held on May 2nd.

To be eligible, candidates must be:

- 1. Canadian citizen;
- 2. 18 years of age or older;
- 3. a) a resident in the attendance area of the school for at least 3 months, OR:
 - b) a parent of a child attending the school

For more information about School Councils, you can contact your local School Council.

You are also welcome to contact the *Association of Yukon Schools Councils, Boards & Committees* <u>exec.director@ayscbc.org</u> 633-2692 or the School Council Liaison at Yukon Education <u>bob.walker@gov.yk.ca</u> 667-8226.

For more details about seats, nominations and elections, go to <u>ELECTIONS YUKON</u>. Phone 667-8683 or toll-free 1 866 668-8683.