

## **Parent Engagement Advisory Committee Call for Applications**

The York Region District School Board invites parents of students attending elementary schools in the **West** and **East** areas to apply for a position on the **Parent Engagement Advisory Committee**, which will commence this year's work in the fall of 2009. This committee provides parents with an opportunity to advise on Board-level strategies and initiatives. There are four positions available, due to the expiry of the term held by previous Committee members.

The Parent Engagement Advisory Committee is responsible for providing advice regarding strategies to support and strengthen the engagement of all parents, families and communities in support of student learning. It will meet 3-5 times each school year, to review the Board's plan for Continuous Improvement as it relates to parent, family and community engagement, and to make suggestions to schools, School Councils and the Board regarding parent engagement.

The committee is composed of 12 parents, the Director of Education, 3 trustees, 3 principals, 1 Superintendent, 1 Special Education Advisory Committee member, and 1 community representative. The selection Committee has decided on principles of representation that include a variety of skills, experiences, location, and knowledge. Two references will be required, one of which should be a school staff member (teacher, Education Assistant, principal)

The application form attached is to be submitted by **September 24th, 2009** to Margaret Roberts, Superintendent of Education at CEC North, 130 Carlson Drive, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 5H3. It can also be completed and submitted online at the Board website [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca), or faxed to 905 895-7480. Questions may be directed to [Margaret.roberts@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:Margaret.roberts@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

All applicants will be informed via email, phone or letter of their status once the Parent Engagement Advisory Committee has met to select the new committee members, by early October.

**York Region District School Board**

**Parent Engagement Advisory Committee  
Application Form**

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: Phone (days): \_\_\_\_\_

(evenings): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (if you have one): \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

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School which child attends: \_\_\_\_\_

References (name, position and phone number):

*(Please note that one reference should be a school staff member)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to be a committee member for: 1 year \_\_\_ 2 years \_\_\_ or 3 years \_\_\_

Are you an employee of York Region District School Board? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If not selected, would you like to be considered for focus groups/committees working on issues related to parental engagement? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Question to answer in writing (500 words maximum):

*What in your experience has led to your interest in public education, and your understanding of the importance of parent, family and community engagement? (you may provide your answer on a separate piece of paper)*

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Please check off the following items which describe your experience and skills, and provide details if possible:

	Details
Volunteer experience	
Advocacy skills (eg. cultural, racial, poverty, religious, physical abilities)	
Community development skills	
Diversity of ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, socio-economics, class and/or physical ability	
School Council experience	
Group processing skills	
Problem solving skills	
Visionary	
Time management skills	
Organizational skills	
Collaboration skills	