Dear Parents/Students:

The beginning of a new school year is always filled with excitement! It’s exhilarating for students to see friends and classmates after the summer months, and immerse themselves in new classes and grades.

As your trustee, I encourage all parents to get involved in your child’s education and school by volunteering for school initiatives. Being active in the school is very satisfying and makes an enormous difference to your child and neighbourhood. It also demonstrates to your children that you are interested in their education and the school’s community.

School council elections will soon be underway. Did you know that school councils offer comments to the York Region District School Board policies under review? In order to ensure your input is included, please submit your input on policies only to your school council chair. School councils will, in turn, submit their compiled information to the Board. Board policies under review can be found on the Board’s website at www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Simply click on Policies for Comment under News and Events.

The York Region District School Board is committed to open dialogue with its communities. Your views on policy issues and Board governance are welcomed and encouraged. The York Region District School Board welcomes staff and members of the community to its regular Board meetings. Meetings are held usually on the last Thursday of each month during the school year at the Education Centre, 60 Wellington Street West, Aurora. Board Meetings are open to the public and begin at 8:00 p.m. Board minutes and agendas are available on the Board’s website at www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. As your trustee, I appreciate your feedback as it helps ensure that the Board’s actions and decisions accurately reflect the needs and concerns of our community.

In addition to my position as your Trustee, serving on countless Board committees in addition to the Board of Trustees, I have been re-elected by my peers to serve on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Public School Boards Association, and elected to the Association’s Program Work Group, working with, and sometimes lobbying, the Ministry of Education, offering input and suggestions. In addition, I will be attending School Council meetings again this year – when possible – and hope to see you there!

Welcome back to another exciting year!

Warmest wishes to all!

Elizabeth Richardson
Trustee