



SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS 2026

School District Trustee elections are conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act, which governs local government elections across British Columbia. General local elections – including elections for School Board Trustees – are held every four years on the third Saturday of October.

The next general local election will be held on October 17, 2026.

General local elections are a shared responsibility between local governments and Elections BC. General local elections are run in accordance with the Local Government Act, the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act, the Community Charter, the School Act, and election related bylaws.

For information on all aspects of voting or running for office in local government elections, please see information below and/or visit the following external websites:

- [BC School Trustees Association](#)
- [Elections BC](#)
- [Ministry of Education and Child Care - School Trustee Election Procedures](#)

The nomination and election of local school trustees allows the community an important opportunity to lead and oversee our valuable investment in public education. Trustees are community leaders who come together in the context of a governance board in support of student success. The work is demanding, but important and rewarding.

What does a Trustee do?

School Trustees are locally elected members of the School District's Board of Education. They represent the public interest in education and serve as advocates for students, families, and the broader community within the school district.

Trustees are required to carry out their responsibilities in a manner that supports the Board in fulfilling its duties under the School Act. Collectively, the Board sets the strategic direction for the district and ensures accountability to the public.

Key responsibilities of a School Trustee include:

- **Prioritizing Student Success:** Focusing consistently on student achievement, safety, and well-being.
- **Governance & Policy:** Setting long-term district policies, strategic goals, and priorities.

- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Reviewing and approving the school district’s annual operating budget and financial plans.
- **Collective Decision-Making:** Participating actively in Board decisions that benefit the district as a whole.
- **Community Advocacy:** Representing and communicating the diverse interests, values, and perspectives of the local community.

School Board Trustees serve a corporate governance role. They are legally obligated to act in the best interest of all students across the entire district, rather than advocating for individual schools or single issues.

Considering running for a School Trustee?

To be eligible as a candidate in the local school trustee election, you must meet all of the following requirements at the time of your nomination:

- **Citizen:** Be a Canadian citizen.
- **Age:** Be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day (October 17, 2026).
- **Residency:** Have lived in British Columbia for at least six months immediately before the day you file your nomination papers.
- **Compliance:** Not be legally disqualified by any statute or law from being nominated, elected, or holding public office.

The BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) provides a comprehensive guide for individuals who are considering running—or running again—for School Trustee. Prospective candidates are encouraged to review this resource (link: [BCSTA Candidate Guide](#)) to better understand the role, responsibilities, and time commitment involved, as well as the nomination and election process.

Nomination Package Information:

If you are interested in running as a School Trustee candidate in the 2026 General Local Election, you can download a [School Trustee Nomination Package](#).

Alternatively, if you prefer a paper copy of the Trustee Nomination Package, they will be available for pick up during regular school or office hours at the following locations:

- School District 87 Stikine Board Office
- Atlin School (after August 16)
- Dease Lake School (after August 30)
- Tahltan School (after August 30)
- Denetia School (after August 16)
- Iskut Band Office

Nomination Submissions:

Nominations for qualified candidates will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person between 9:00am Tuesday, September 1, 2026 until 4:00pm Friday, September 11, 2026. (excluding weekends and statutory holidays) at the offices listed below:

- School Board Office, Dease Lake
- Atlin School (after August 16)
- Dease Lake School (after August 30)
- Tahltan School (after August 30)
- Denetia School (after August 16)

Nomination documents may be delivered by hand, mail, email (to alanna.cameron@sd87.bc.ca), fax (to 250 771 4441) or by any other delivery means. Originals of the emailed or faxed nomination documents must be received at the School Board Office in Dease Lake by 4:00pm on Friday, September 11, 2026.

NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4:00PM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026.

A nomination deposit is NOT required for a School Trustee.

The deadline to withdraw from being nominated as a candidate is 4:00pm September 11, 2026.

School District 87 Stikine Information:

A Trustee Candidate Information session will be held on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6pm at the School Board Office in Dease Lake. For those wishing to attend remotely from outside of the Dease Lake area, a Zoom link will be provided on the district website one week prior to the Information Session.

For more information on School District 87 Stikine, please visit the following links:

- [Strategic Plan](#)
- [Board Policies](#)
- [Financial Information](#)
- [2026-27 Board Meeting Schedule](#)

Key Dates:

Milestone	Date
Election period begins	January 1, 2026
Expense limits published	May 31, 2026
Pre-campaign period begins	July 20, 2026
Deadline to apply to register an elector organization	July 31, 2026
Deadline for voter registration with Elections BC (Voters may still register with their local government)	August 18, 2026
Nomination period begins	September 1, 2026
Close of nominations	September 11, 2026
Campaign period begins	September 19, 2026
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Elections BC closed)	September 30, 2026
Thanksgiving Day (Elections BC closed)	October 12, 2026
General Voting Day	October 17, 2026
Disclosure statement filing deadline	January 15, 2027
Late filing deadline for disclosure statements (with \$500 fee)	February 16, 2027

Trustee Electoral Areas

School District No 87 Stikine is divided into the following Trustee Electoral Areas:

- **Electoral Area 1 (1 Trustee)** – Atlin, Pleasant Camp and surrounding area
- **Electoral Area 2 (1 Trustee)** – Lower Post, Good Hope Lake and surrounding area
- **Electoral Area 3 (1 Trustee)** – Dease Lake and surrounding area
- **Electoral Area 4 (1 Trustee)** – Telegraph Creek and surrounding area
- **Electoral Area 5 (1 Trustee)** – Iskut, Fort Ware and surrounding area

Where trustee electoral areas are established, trustees are elected by electoral area in accordance with provincial local election legislation.



Elections BC Financial Requirements and Reporting:

Campaign Period Expense Limits:

In accordance with the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act, for the 2026 General Local Election, the expense limit for School Trustee candidates during the campaign in Trustee Electoral Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 is \$6,161.89

Third Party Advertising Limits:

In accordance with the Local Sections Campaign Financing Act, for the 2026 General Local Election, the expense limit for School Trustee candidates for third-party advertising in Trustee Electoral Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 is \$924.28.

For more information call 1-855-952-0280. For clear step-by-step information about campaign financing, expense limits, and third-party sponsors, see the following selection of Election BC's guides:

- [Guide for Candidates](#)
- [Guide to Campaign Financing for Local Candidates](#)

Questions?

Should you have questions or require more information, please email Alanna Cameron, Chief Election Officer at alanna.cameron@sd87.bc.ca, or Brenda Hooker, Secretary Treasurer and Deputy Election Officer at brenda.hooker@sd87.bc.ca, or call the School District 87 Stikine Board Office at 250 771-4440.