

Trustee Elections 2026: Information Session #1

What is a Trustee?

Wednesday, June 24th at 6:30 pm on Teams



GULF ISLANDS
SCHOOL
DISTRICT 64



Territorial Acknowledgment

We humbly acknowledge that we live and learn on the unceded traditional territory of the Coast Salish SENĆOŦEN and Hul'qumi'num speaking peoples, specifically the [BOKÉĆEN](#), [SʔÁUTW](#), [WJOŁEŁP](#), [WSÍKEM](#), [MÁLEXEŁ](#), [Quw'utsun](#), Spune'luxutth, [HALALT](#) and [LEEY'QSUN](#), who have been stewards of these lands and waters since time immemorial.





School District 64 (Gulf Islands)

Introductions

- **Jill Jensen**
Superintendent
- **Jesse Guy**
Secretary Treasurer,
Chief Elections Officer
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Gulf Islands School District: Basic Facts



- Is a school district comprised of 5 islands: Galiano, Mayne, Pender, Salt Spring and Saturna
- There are approximate 1,450 students from K-12
- 8 local schools plus 1 online school
- Approximately 300 full and part-time employees
- A board of education with 7 trustees elected for a 4-year term
- The Indigenous Education Council is made up of representatives from 9 First Nations: Lyackson, Penelakut, Halalt, Quw'utsun, Malahat, Tseycum, Pauquachin, Tsawout, and Tsartlip



Electoral Areas: School District 64

Galiano 1
Trustee

Mayne 1
Trustee

Pender 1
Trustee

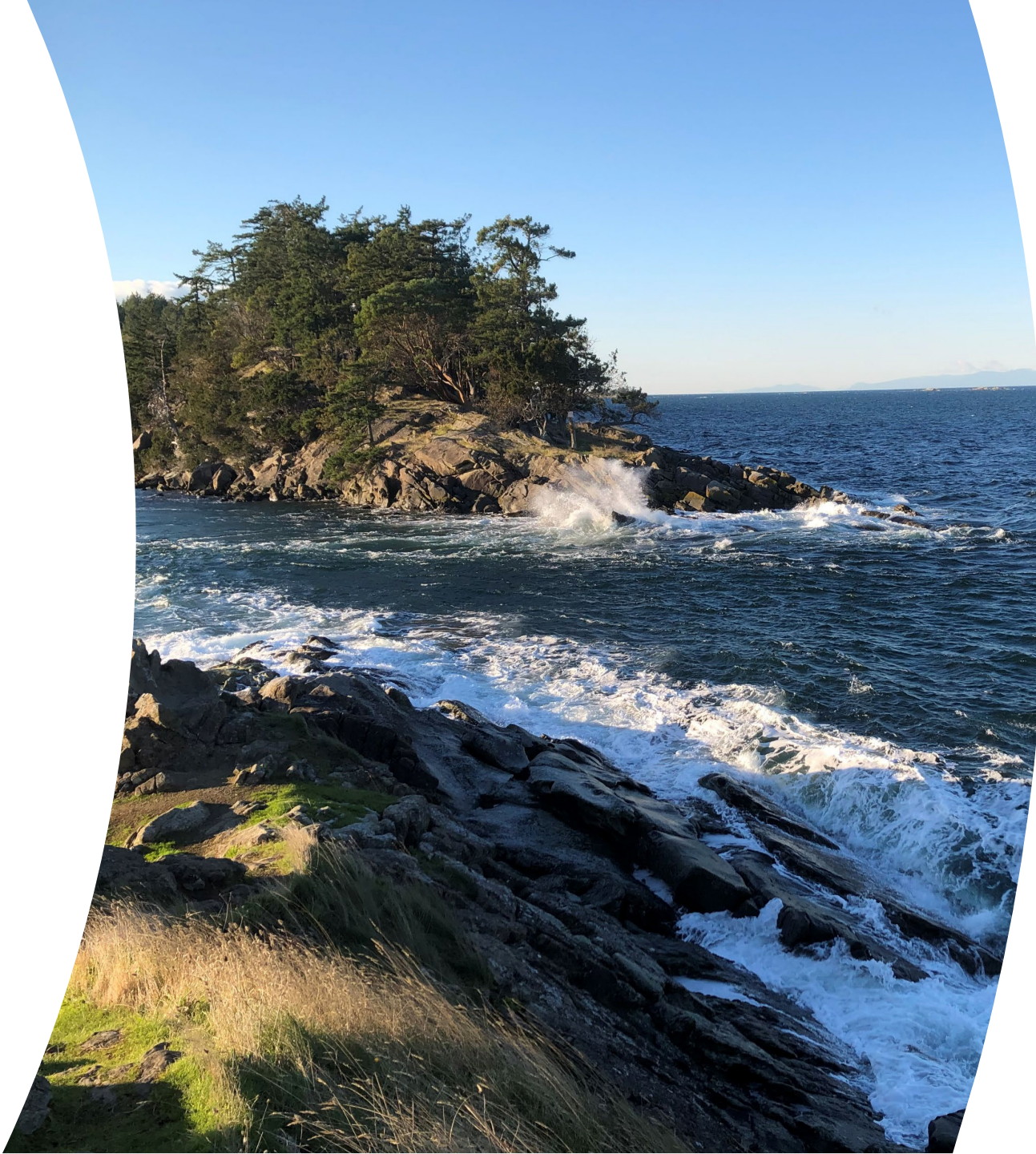
Saturna 1
Trustee

Saltspring 3
Trustees

7 Member
School Board

School Board Term is from November 2026 to October 2030

Role of the Trustee



- Collaborating with fellow Trustees and partners to establish the Board's strategic direction
- Provide strategic direction and oversight to Operations whose purpose is to improve the health, wellbeing and life chances of students
- Set the intention and support the tone of the district
- Financial stewardship of district
- Community leader
- Communicator
- Advocate for public education

Governance & Operations

Board Role (the 'what')

- Strategic direction
- Student achievement
- Advocate for public education
- Speak on political issues (Chair)
- Hire Superintendent and set expectations for and evaluate
- Create policies
- Bring issues to Superintendent's attention

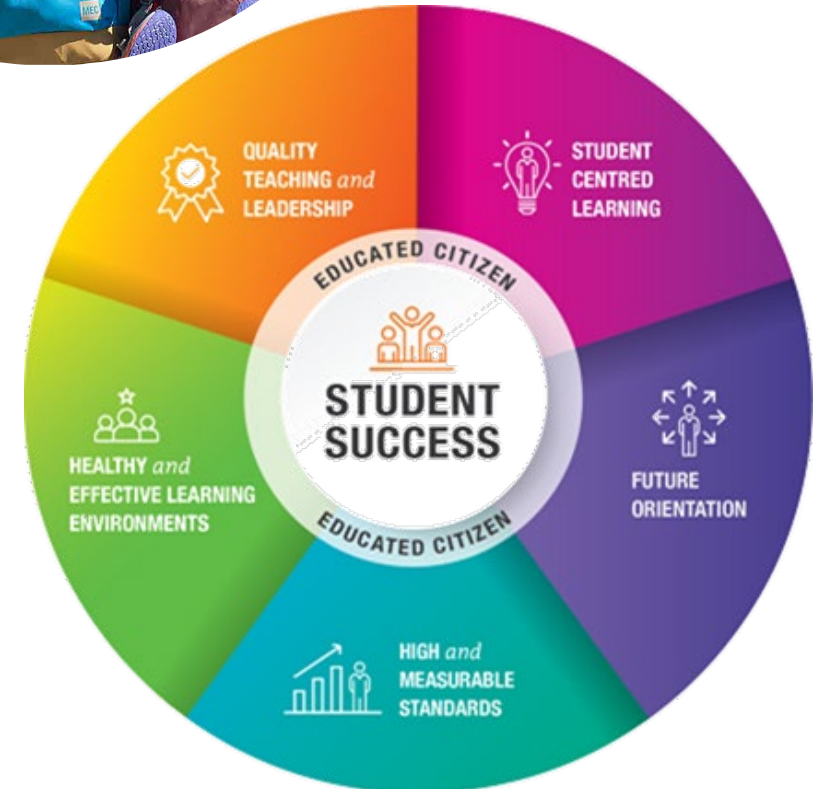
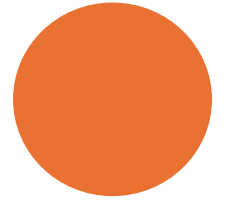


Administration Role (the 'do')

- Implement strategic direction
- Speak on administrative and operational issues
- Assist in Policy and Strategic Direction documents creation
- Create and oversee Administrative Practices

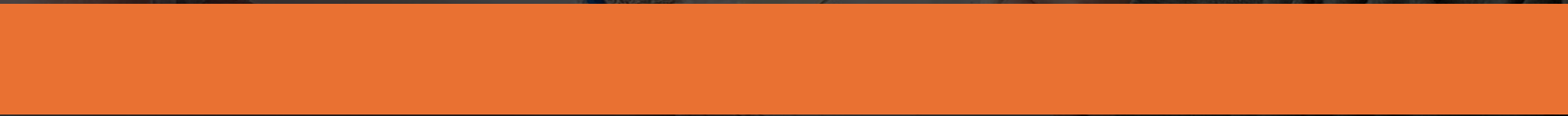


Educated Citizen





Improving Outcomes for Students





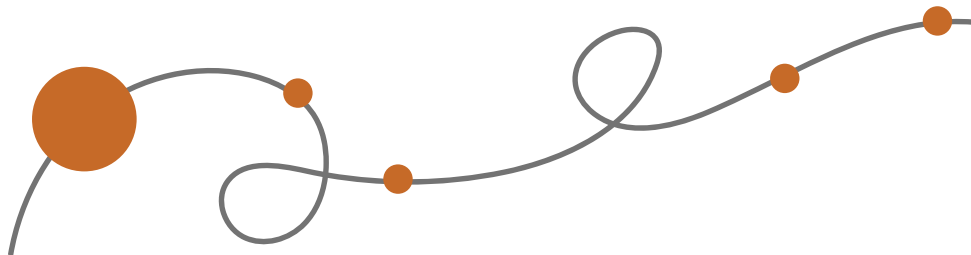
Board of Education Key Areas

- Strategic Direction
- Policy Development
- Annual and Amended Balanced Budgets
- School Locations, Grade Configuration and Attendance Areas
- Appeals



Guiding Principals

- The Board of Education sets the general direction of the District and administration implements
- Individual Trustees do not act alone
- Chair speaks for the Board
- Trustees must be aware of bias and potential conflicts of interest when making decisions





Regulatory Frameworks that Guide Board Decisions

Ministry of Education and Child Care
School Act
Ministerial Orders
Curriculum
Funding Formula

British Columbia Public School
Employers Association (BCPSEA)
Collective Agreements
(locals: GITA and CUPE 778)
Employment Standard Act and
WorkSafeBC



Trustee Responsibilities

Required

- 8 days with Public and In-camera Board Meetings in person on Salt Spring Island per school year
- Member of the Committee of the Whole and approximately 4 meetings a year on Teams
- Additional meetings as emergent issues arise

Additional Areas

- A member of standing committees
- Represent a school and attend their PAC meetings
- Attend board scheduled school visits once a year to each school
- Attend Regional or Provincial Professional Development



What Trustees Earn & Learn

Professional Development

BC School Trustee Association (BCSTA)
Academy and AGM

Vancouver Island School Trustees
Association (VISTA)

Regular District opportunities for learning

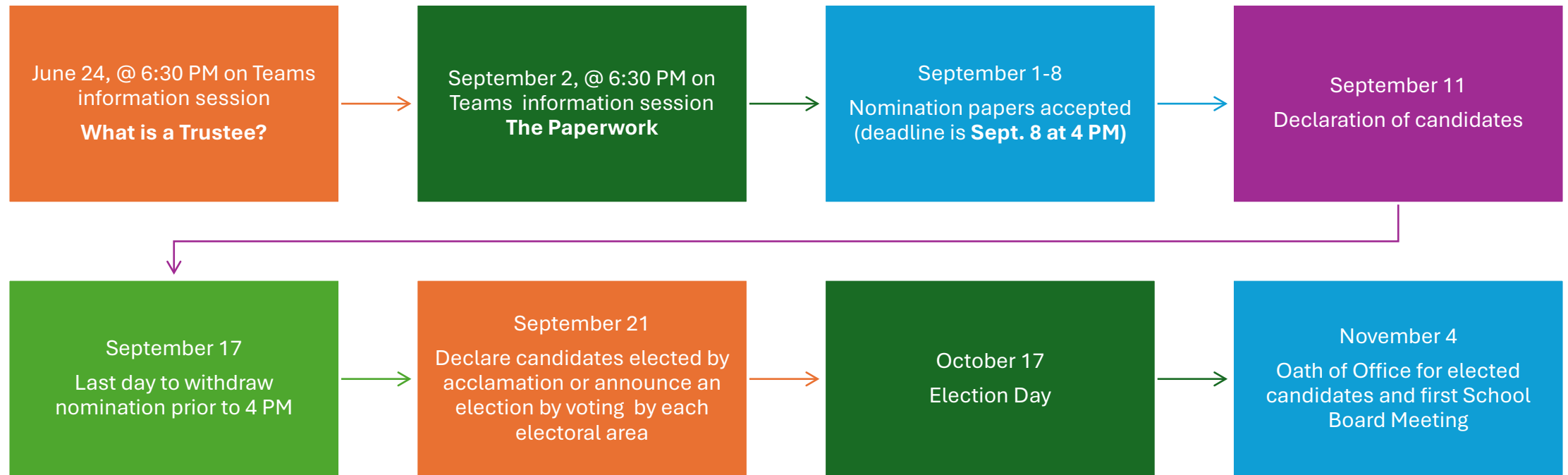
Trustee Remuneration

Board Chair \$21,000 (approx.)

Trustee \$18,000 (approx.)



Key Dates for Election 2026



Key dates of the local 2026 Election process and SD64 Information Sessions. This is a guide to what's ahead - not a comprehensive list.



BC School Trustee Association
link for school board trustee
election related information:

[Trustee Elections – British
Columbia School Trustees
Association](#)





Elections Information Session #2

The Paperwork

September 2 @ 6:30 PM on Teams.

This session will guide interested individuals through the practical aspects of the nomination, candidacy and election process

Watch the [Gulf Islands School District](#) website for a post prior to the information session for the Teams link

