



# SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL



***HENRY STREET HIGH SCHOOL IS  
COMMITTED TO PROVIDING  
QUALITY EDUCATION IN A  
POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT  
PROVIDES EXCELLENCE.  
STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO  
REALIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL  
AND BECOME RESPONSIBLE  
CITIZENS WITH A STRONG SENSE  
OF SELF-WORTH AND INTEGRITY.***



## WHAT IS A COMMUNITY COUNCIL?

School Community Councils are advisory bodies to be established in every Durham School. The mandate of the council will be to analyse and provide input to the principal on a number of significant areas that lead to school improvements.

There will be many potential areas for council input. Some examples of these areas are:

School code of student behaviour:

The response of the school or school board to achievement in provincial and board assessment programs:

Curriculum and programs goals and priorities;

Preparation of school profiles and the school plan;

Development, implementation and review of board policies at the local level.

## WHO CAN BE A MEMBER OF THE S.C.C.?

Parents are to hold the majority of seats on the School Community Council.

The Council will look like this:

Parents/Guardians .....	9
Teachers Representative .....	1
Non-Teaching Employee Representative .....	1
Community Representative .....	1
School Principal .....	1

All Henry Street parents/guardians are eligible to run for these positions and to vote for the parent/guardian representatives.

These positions are one year terms. The community representatives are appointed by the Council.

## **HOW A SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUNCTIONS**

- Ž The chairperson will be elected by Council;
- Ž All general meetings are open to the community;
- Ž All members of the Council are equal partners
- Ž Schools in the Durham District School Board are expected to have a School Community Council in place.

## **WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COUNCIL MEMBER?**

The following are the expectations for members of a School Community Council:

- Ž To focus on student learning and school improvement;
- Ž To maintain a school-wide perspective on issues;
- Ž To represent and communicate the views of the school community;
- Ž To contribute regularly at Council meetings

(minimum of four per year).