



2016 School Board Elections

On November 22, Newfoundland and Labrador's English School District (NLESD) and le Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador (CSFP) will hold concurrent elections to select trustees who will represent their school communities on matters relating to the province's education system.

This will be the first election for the Newfoundland and Labrador's English School District since 2009 and the first election to use direct voting for the Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador.

There are 17 trustee electoral zones that provide regional representation across the province for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board.

The Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador will have three trustee electoral zones plus an at-large vote that will elect nine trustees - two from Labrador, two from the central/west region, two from the east region and three at-large trustees.

Key Dates:

Nominations Open: Monday, October 24, 2016

Nominations Close: Friday, October 28, 2016

Election Day: Tuesday, November 22, 2016

www.SchoolBoardElectionsNL.ca



Who Can Vote?

To vote in the school board elections, a person must be:

- **over 18 years of age;**
- **a Canadian citizen; and**
- **a regular resident of the school board electoral zone**

In addition to the above criteria, Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador voters must also meet one or more of the following criteria:

- a person's first language learned and still understood is French;
- received their primary school instruction in Canada in a French first language program; or
- a parent of a child who is receiving or has received primary or secondary school instruction in a French first language school in Canada

In order to vote on Election Day, a Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador voter must confirm in writing that they are qualified to vote.

Where a person is qualified to vote in an election of trustees for both school districts, they may vote in both elections.

Why Should I vote?

Newfoundland and Labrador's education system is important to all residents. By voting in this year's school board election, you can have a direct impact on the direction of education in Newfoundland and Labrador.

How to Vote

On November 22, elections will take place for the Newfoundland and Labrador's English School District and le Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador.

As this date approaches, voting locations will be announced. Please visit www.SchoolBoardElectionsNL.ca for up-to-date information.

What is a Trustee?

School board trustees act as the community's advocate for education and assist the board in fulfilling its duties under the Schools Act, 1997. Trustees are elected to serve until the next school board election is called.

Why become a Trustee?

Becoming a trustee allows you to have a direct impact on the school community and contribute to important school board decisions and processes. Through your role as a trustee, you will gain experience working with various education stakeholders and people who share your interest in strengthening Newfoundland and Labrador's education system.

How to become a Trustee

To become a nominated trustee, one must be qualified to vote in that trustee zone. Individuals must be nominated by two people within their zone, who are also qualified voters. Nomination papers must be submitted to the Returning Officer during the open nomination period of October 24-28, 2016.

Ineligible nominees for a trustee include employees of the school board and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (without ministerial approval). Individuals can only run for one position and one board.

