

# Public school board trustee candidates share their platforms

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In an auditorium packed full of parents, students, ward councillors and education workers, the candidates for the next school board trustee position squared off for the first time. Last Thursday, Craig Kielburger Secondary School was host to a debate between four of the five candidates for the Halton District School Board trustee position for Wards 1, 6, 7 and 8. About 50 people showed up to hear what each candidate had to say about their vision for Milton's education programs for the next four years.

The candidates at the meeting were Kim Graves, Jaideep Kala, Syed Raza and Nik Thakkar. Davinder Bhatia had a scheduling conflict and couldn't attend.

The event was moderated by TV Cogeco's Mark Carr. He posed eight questions that were already decided by school council or submit-



Wards 1, 6, 7, 8 public school board trustee candidates square off at Craig Kielburger School last Thursday. From left, Nik Thakkar, Syed Raza, Jaideep Kala and Kim Graves await questions from moderator Mark Carr.  
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ted online anonymously. These questions centered around forging strong connections to the community, special needs priorities, school rankings, use of technology, drugs and safety, jurisdictional concerns and transportation access.

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