

# Board candidates needn't have children in school

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micro-managed out of Queen's Park," he said.

The one-term trustee is one of the few who has stepped forward to run for trustee in the upcoming municipal elections.

With two days to go before the Sept. 26 deadline for nominations, only 31 York Region residents have put their name in for one of the 12 public board and 10 Catholic board seats up for grabs in the Nov. 10 election.

As of press time, several incumbents, including Catholic chairperson Elizabeth Crowe and public

chairperson Bill Crothers, are running unopposed.

Ms Crowe said part of the problem in attracting a wider range of candidates may be the increasing workload for what is meant to be a part-time job.

"People ask me if they can reach me at my office... well, this isn't a full-time job," the Schomberg resident said.

"For that amount of money, there's a lot more work than what's involved."

"You want to go to the social functions, you want to be aware of the situation in your community and these days we represent a large geographic area.

"I think parents are more aware of what's going on and, as a result, there's a higher expectation to be informed."

Still, despite the relative lack of interest, there are several newcomers putting their hats in the ring, including Linda Bernofsky, a mother of three running in Richmond Hill.

Ms Bernofsky, whose daughter has Down's syndrome, has served on the public board's special education advisory committee for several years and says she was moved to take the leap into politics by what she has seen happen to the education system.

"The last two years of sitting

and listening to our school board stretching resources to cover growing salaries and underfunded costs has been very frustrating to observe," she said.

"I hope with a new provincial government vision, trustees and their school boards will be able to work toward better longer-range planning."

Anyone interested in learning more about the trustee's role and how to become one, can visit [www.ontarioschooltrustees.org](http://www.ontarioschooltrustees.org).

### WHO QUALIFIES?

You do not have to be the parent of a child enrolled in your local school system to run.

Currently, in Ontario, a person can run for school trustee as long as he or she is:

- At least 18 years old;
- A Canadian citizen;
- A resident within the board's area of jurisdiction, or an owner or tenant of residential property in the area;
- Eligible to be an elector of the school board for which the person is a candidate;
- Not disqualified from holding office by the Municipal Elections Act or any other legislation.

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