

News Release

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Nomination period open for 2025 General Election

The nomination period for the 2025 General Election is currently open. Residents with a passion for Catholic education and a willingness to serve their community are invited to run for a position on STAR Catholic School Division's Board of Trustees.

What is a School Trustee?

School Board Trustees are elected by and held accountable to their community for a four-year term. Trustees set goals and priorities for the Division while considering community needs and upholding sound educational practice. Boards make decisions with the best interests of students, staff, and families at top of mind. Trustees engage with communities on behalf of the Division, create policy and adopt budgets, and lobby all levels of government to ensure the voices of the Division and community are heard. Trustees are role models who maintain a positive public image on behalf of the Division.

Who Can Be a School Trustee?

Candidates must be 18 years or older, a Canadian citizen, and must live in their ward on Election Day and must have lived in their ward for the six months before Nomination Day. Candidates must be Catholic and may not be employees of STAR Catholic School Division. Interested individuals must be committed and willing to work to uphold a high standard of quality Catholic education in the communities they serve.

How Do I Submit My Nomination?

Interested candidates can visit STAR Catholic School Division's <u>Website</u> for authorization forms, nomination papers, and a candidate information. Hard copies of nomination forms may also be picked up at the Division's Central Office located at 4906 50th Ave, Leduc. Completed nomination forms together with the candidate's criminal record check must be dropped off by appointment only. Please call 780.986.2500 to arrange an appointment. Please note that additional locations will be made available closer to the Nomination Day.

The Election Day is October 20, 2025. Candidates may submit their nomination papers until 12 Noon on September 22, 2025.

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Based in central Alberta, Saint Thomas Aquinas Roman (STAR) Catholic School Division represents 12 schools that serve the communities of Beaumont, Drayton Valley, Lacombe, Leduc, Ponoka, and Wetaskiwin. The STAR Catholic Schools team of teachers and support staff are committed to giving more than 4000 students across our division every opportunity to achieve their potential in a caring, safe and Christ-centred environment.