

Nicole Tews (photo to follow)

My husband and I moved to Yellowknife 17 years ago, and it has been home ever since. Both of our children were born and raised here and are now students at École William McDonald Middle School and École Sir John Franklin High School. Being a parent of children at two different stages of their education has made the decisions being made about our schools feel very real to me.

Throughout my career, I have worked in roles centred on people, leadership, education and community. I have been an entrepreneur, including working as a doula and prenatal educator, worked in health care, held elected leadership roles in labour organizations, and supported small businesses and community organizations through my work in human resources.

What I have always enjoyed most is working with people. I also value the harder parts of leadership: asking questions, digging deeper, working through concerns, and making difficult decisions with fairness, consistency and accountability in mind.

I enjoy working with people who bring different perspectives to the table. I believe good decisions come from listening, challenging your own thinking, having hard conversations, and finding common ground.

Public education matters deeply to me. As a parent, I want to understand and be part of the decisions that shape my children's education, while also recognizing that a trustee has a responsibility to every student and family in the district.

I am putting my name forward for YK1 Trustee because I want to give back to the community that has given my family so much and contribute thoughtfully to the decisions that will shape YK1 in the years ahead.