

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION FORM

## Office of Public School Trustee

### APPLICANT INTEREST

Please explain why you feel you should be the successful candidate for the position of Trustee (maximum 1000 words). Outline your commitment to public education as reflected in your involvement in Greater Essex County District School Board public schools or its committees, including your background, qualifications, interests, and experience that support your candidacy.

My commitment to public education comes from a lifetime of serving my community and the people who rely on strong public institutions. I am applying to be a Trustee because public schools are among the most important foundations of any community. They give young people stability and opportunity, and they deserve leaders who approach this role with seriousness, experience, and a long view of what is best for students.

Much of my life has been shaped by service. I served sixteen years in the Canadian Armed Forces and represented the Country on multiple deployments overseas. Those years taught me the value of integrity, responsibility, and careful decision-making. They also taught me how deeply communities rely on leadership that listens and responds. These experiences continue to guide me every day. Through my volunteer work with the Canadian Red Cross, this perspective has been reinforced. Supporting families during emergencies requires patience, compassion, and the ability to remain calm when situations become complex. It has shown me how much people depend on institutions that take their responsibilities seriously. The same level of commitment is required from anyone who serves as a school board trustee.

My academic studies at the University of Windsor add an important dimension to my approach to public service. Through my major in International Relations and Development, I have gained a deeper understanding of how large systems operate and how policy decisions made at the governance level shape outcomes for people and communities. This field has taught me to examine problems from multiple angles, consider long-term impacts, and focus on practical, sustainable solutions rather than short-term fixes.

My minor in Sociology complements this work by giving me insight into how social structures and community dynamics shape the unique challenges that vary by region. This has allowed me to develop a better understanding of how lived experiences shape people's interactions with public institutions. It has helped me better understand issues such as equity, access, social pressures on youth, and the broader conditions that support or hinder student success. This combination of policy-focused study and sociological perspective provides a strong foundation for thoughtful and responsible decision-making. It aligns well with the realities of school board governance, where every decision affects students, families, and educators in tangible ways.

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Name of Applicant **Nick Amlin**

Since retiring from the Canadian Armed Forces, my local community involvement has given me a clear understanding of how important the Greater Essex County District School Board is to families across the region. I have spoken with parents, educators, and young people who depend on the board to provide safe learning environments, strong academic support, and reliable communication. I have also seen the challenges that arise when resources are stretched or when decisions are not clearly explained to the public. Openness and accountability must always be at the center of good governance.

If selected as Trustee, I would bring a steady approach grounded in service and responsibility. I understand the importance of carefully managing public resources and remaining accountable for their management. I believe that considering different viewpoints and keeping students' well-being at the forefront is priority number one for all school board trustees. I believe in long-term planning, clear communication, and the need to support both academic success and overall student well-being. Trustees must remain connected to the community they serve and must be willing to listen even when conversations are difficult.

Students today face a world that is constantly changing. They need leaders who understand the importance of stability and can bring real-world experience to their decisions. My background in military service, humanitarian work, and policy studies gives me a balanced perspective that is both practical and thoughtful. I know how to work under pressure and make decisions that respect the people affected.

I am applying because the Windsor / Essex Region have given me a great deal throughout my life, and I want to continue giving back. Serving as a Trustee would allow me to support the next generation in a way that aligns with my values and experience. I am committed to being present, informed, and engaged. I would be honoured to contribute to the ongoing work of strengthening public education in our community.