

Candidate Instructions

Campaigning Information and Regulations

The RPSTA seeks to ensure that members are well informed about the nominated candidates seeking election. This will be done through RPSTA election posters in each school, profiles posted to the RPSTA.com website, and linked to the candidate on the ballot.

If you have questions, contact the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) at rpstavotes@myaccess.ca

Nominations:

Nomination Deadline is **Tuesday, April 30 at 4:30pm** local time.

Candidate profiles and photos that are submitted after the nomination deadline will NOT be accepted.

Candidate Profiles (poster):

Profiles should be of no more than 250 words, typed and double-spaced, and one photo (JPEG, BMP, or TIFF format) of the nominee should be submitted with the nomination package for each candidate.

Photos should provide an accurate likeness of the candidate and should be suitable for publication.

Please note that there is a poster template provided and the template must be adhered to. (found at rpsta.com)

Noncompliant posters will be returned and asked to resubmit. Candidate profiles and photos should be submitted along with the nomination package. Candidates are responsible for proofreading their profiles/platforms, and submitted profiles will be printed/circulated as received by the CRO. The candidate profile for each candidate will be printed/circulated by the CRO through assembly reps.

Because of the restricted board space available to the RPSTA, no campaign or candidate posters, other than those posted by Assembly Reps, will be permitted in schools during the campaigning period. Candidate profiles will be shared on the RPSTA website during the campaign period.

The logos of the RPSTA must not be used by any candidate.

Campaigning Period

Campaigning for the election will begin: Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 at 9:00 am

Campaigning for the election will end: Wed. May 8th, at 9:00 pm

All campaigning (online or otherwise), however, must cease on and during the voting period.

Social Media

Candidates may use social media to campaign during the campaign period, under the following restrictions:

1. May only post their candidate profile to social media as it was submitted to the CRO.
2. Must remain individual to the specific candidate and not linked to other candidates profiles, posters, or advertising.
3. May not be endorsed by current elected representatives.

Candidates who do not comply with these guidelines will be contacted by the CRO to delete or alter any offending posts. Candidates who repeatedly violate these guidelines may be removed from the election.

Expenses & Other:

Candidates may not spend more than CAD \$25 total on campaigning materials;
No painting or chalking on buildings and sidewalks;
Other advertising is not permitted.

Electronic voting will be conducted through Election Buddy with ballot access being sent to your personal email that you registered with RPSTA.