

REFERENDUM ELIGIBILITY

VOTE TO DETERMINE IF A SCHOOL COUNCIL IS TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR A SCHOOL BOARD

The referendum voting period is Tuesday, January 11 to Thursday, January 27, 2022. Early applications for mail-out ballots are open from January 5 to January 17, 2022.

Eligibility to vote in the referendum is the same as for school council elections. Qualified electors must:

- be a Canadian citizen and
- be at least 18 years of age on the final day of voting and
- be qualified to vote based on:
 - residence in the attendance area* for at least three months as of the final day of voting, and/or
 - a parent** of a child who attends a school in the attendance area.

* Attendance area means the geographical area designated by the Minister for each school committee or council.

** Parent means biological parent adoptive parent, persons legally entitled to custody or the persons who usually have care and custody of the child.

Note:

A number of schools have overlapping attendance areas.

An elector may vote in the referendum for an attendance area in which they have been a resident for at least 3 months, AND in the referendum for an attendance area in which their child is in attendance, should these be different attendance areas.

However, they cannot vote in the same referendum in the same attendance area based on both residency and attendance, i.e., they can only vote once in any attendance area in which they are qualified.