

**Jason Stevens**

**1. What makes you qualified to be a Trustee in the TDSB?**

Classroom experience I believe is a key element of my skills. Second since university I have served on several boards, and am used to the dynamics to be able to contribute.

**2. What is your connection to Don Valley West?**

In 1971 I was born near the ward and lived in the ward off Banbury and on Broadway near Yonge and Eglinton for several years. My nephew goes to a TDSB school in the ward and my brother lives in the ward and I live in the very next ward.

I also ran for city council in Don Valley West in November 2024 and have a good rapport with former TDSB chair and the current councillor for DVW Rachel Chernos Lin.

**3. What do you see as the most important role of a school trustee?**

Fiduciary responsibility and to ensure the ward residents and the schools receive the highest quality service and advocacy.

**4. What issues do you think need to be addressed most urgently?**

Funding. I have been an employee of a former cabinet minister and my connection to Queens Park should be utilized to advocate for much needed support for our underfunded school system.

**5. If elected, how much time are you prepared to dedicate to this position? How do you anticipate spending this time?**

Full time. Keeping the communication between parents, principals, the board and other vested parties responsive. I will make my own creative solutions to de-escalation of the many challenges facing the TDSB.

**6. Are you affiliated with a political party?**

Not at this time.

**7. Do you have any endorsements?**

Many citizens groups, small business and a few journalists and distinguished Canadians have contributed to my campaign privately but I am not seeking a political party endorsement nor am publishing any endorsements at this time.