

**General Election Day October 15, 2022 – North Saanich Municipal Hall**  
**North Saanich School Board Trustee Candidate Statement – CHERYL WENEZENKI-YOLLAND**  
**Education Matters and Your Vote Matters**



*LÁU, WELNEW/John Dean Park: A Reflection with a Friend*

*I would like to acknowledge the W̱SÁNEĆ people, the traditional caretakers, and stewards of these lands*

Hello, I'm **Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland**,

I am please to have this opportunity to run for the School Board Trustee, representing North Saanich. I am running because I have a passion for public education. I CARE about our children and their future, and the importance education plays in preparing them for what is ahead. I am committed to public service and making a positive contribution to my community. I believe my strength in governance, finance and policy offers a unique skill set that would complement other potential members of the Saanich school board and benefit of our community.

I was raised and continue to live on the Saanich Peninsula, this is my community. My husband and I live in our home in North Saanich and continue to enjoy this beautiful community, in the traditional territory of the W̱SÁNEĆ people. I have lived on the Saanich Peninsula for 40 years, I attended school here, established our home, and my husband, Peter, and I raised our children here. As a parent and member of the community I participated in the Saanich School system and was part of a Parent Advisory Committee. I will advocate to maintain the support our parents and guardians and the important role have in their child's education. We all CARE about our children and we CARE about our community.

I believe quality public education is a key pillar to our democratic and compassionate society. An accessible, inclusive, quality education prepares our children to engage successfully in society and build hope for the future. We can not take our Education system for granted; we must take CARE of Education in our community. All of our children deserve the opportunity to realize their full potential and be prepared for the ever-changing world they will face.

As a former Deputy Minister, of Advanced Education, I contributed to education policy in the Province, including: the cocreated aboriginal post-secondary education policy and action plan, trades and medical education, K to 12 transition and others. I understand the challenges of advocating for Education in the BC government. My profession as a public servant and as an accountant, my education, my life experience, and my community involvement have positioned me to provide a strong contribution as a member of the Saanich School Board.

***If elected, I will actively listen and leverage my 30 plus years of public service, my knowledge of public sector governance, finance, labour relations, strategic planning, and community engagement to the benefit of our children, students, and our community. It would be an honour to serve.***

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Please Vote: School Board Trustee Candidate, North Saanich SD63

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**My priorities if elected will be:**

1. Exercise **sound governance and financial stewardship**, ensuring the strategic plan, financial, capital, and human resources are aligned with our strategic priorities and grounded in **student achievement and wellbeing**.
2. **Work With** my school board colleagues, staff, parents, and other community partners to ensure that all of our students and children have the opportunity to realize their full potential and personal goals.
3. **Support Indigenous Education**, respecting Indigenous governance, ways, and long built relationships.
4. **Model and support a culture of inclusivity and compassion**. All students and members of the education community have a right to see themselves reflected in our education system and feel a place of belonging.
5. **Model a culture of integrity**, accountability, and care in my dealings with staff, parents, community members, partners, and my colleagues.
6. **Support and advocate for** strong education programming that delivers on the fundamental elements of education (literacy and numeracy) and prepares students for the paths that may follow secondary school. Build on our strengths including French immersion, the trades, and the arts.
7. Exercise **strong accountability and transparency**, demonstrating how decisions were made, how input was considered and reporting publicly and regularly on performance and progress toward the achievement of those priorities.
8. **Engage the community** on key decisions including those related to the utilization or development of major buildings and lands held by the school district for the purposes of aligning with community educational needs and priorities.
9. **Model a culture of integrity**, accountability, and care in my dealings with staff, parents, community members, partners, and my colleagues. To **practice fair dealings** during labour negotiations, while maintain student wellbeing as a core decision principle.
10. **Listen**, fully and attentively, with my three ears, two on my head and one on my heart.
11. **Advocate** passionately and represent your voice on Education, in our Board meetings and with the Provincial Government.

*The journey taken together builds "trust" and leads to mutually respectful relations*

*Please contact me if you would like to chat about Education as a priority for our community or about my Candidacy for School Board Trustee. Thank you for consider me for your Vote.*

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