



## RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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#### **NEW STUDENT TRUSTEE FOR RENFREW COUNTY DSB**

The Renfrew County District School Board welcomed Student Trustee, Renée Lance, to the Board meeting tonight. Renée was chosen as the Student Trustee by students across the County last spring in a new election format. Each secondary school was invited to nominate a student for the position of Student Trustee. Then, three members of each secondary student council attended a meeting to vote for a Student Trustee to sit on the Renfrew County District School Board.

Renée Lance is in her final year at Mackenzie High School. She is a student leader who participates in both extracurricular activities in school and volunteer pursuits in the community. Ms. Lance has been the editor of the Year Book at Mackenzie High School for the past two years and has received the Renfrew County Scholar Medallion for each of the past four years.

"I believe my experiences at school and in the community help me to better understand the importance of communication, said Ms. Lance "and of developing reports to relay information between student councils and the Board."

The Renfrew County District School Board established the position of a non-voting student trustee on the Board in order to provide for the interests of pupils within its school system. The student trustee will provide greater insight to Board members on student activities, programs and needs, and will provide a greater awareness and understanding of mutual issues between the Board, school staff and students.

Chairperson Dave Shields welcomed Ms. Lance to the Board and indicated "that the Renfrew County District School Board values its students, not only for what they bring as learners to the school system and what they achieve through their efforts, but as well, for their input into decision-making relating to matters within the corporate authority of the Board of Trustees."

Dave Shields  
Chairperson of the Board

Eleanor Newman  
Director of Education

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