**DATE:** September 22, 2015

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:** Ward G Trustee Candidate 3-Minute Platform Speeches

**ORIGINATOR:** Dr. Sandra Stoddard, Executive Director Governance and Strategic

**Support Services** 

**REFERENCE:** May 26, 2015 Board Report – Edmonton Public School Board Trustee

By-Election – Ward G

June 9, 2015 Board Report – Edmonton School District No. 7 By-

Election Bylaw

## BACKGROUND

On May 26, 2015, the Board approved the appointment of the City of Edmonton's returning officer as the Board's returning officer for the purposes of conducting a by-election to fill a Trustee vacancy in Ward G. The by-election will take place on Monday, September 28, 2015.

In an effort to help voters learn about the candidates and make an informed choice, Edmonton Public Schools is offering each Ward G Trustee candidate three minutes to present their election platforms at the September 22, 2015 public Board meeting. The presentations will commence at 1:30 p.m. and will be webcast live. The presentations will be posted on the District website following the Board meeting for the public to view prior to by-election day. The <u>rules</u> for the September 22, 2015 presentations are as follows:

- Participation is optional, but no written submissions will be accepted from candidates who
  choose not to participate.
- The presentations will be webcast live.
- The webcasts will be posted on the District website for the public to view prior to the election.
- The presentations will be strictly timed to ensure fairness for all candidates.
- The presentations will not be edited.
- The webcasts will be removed after by-election day.

NOTE: Candidates will be called in alphabetical order to make their presentations.

The City of Edmonton Returning Officer is overseeing the 2015 Edmonton Public School Board Ward G By-Election. Information regarding the Ward G By-Election (including candidate contact information, advance voting and polling station information) can be found on the City of Edmonton's <a href="webpage">webpage</a>. Representatives from the City of Edmonton will provide a verbal update regarding the Ward G By-Election following the candidate speeches at the September 22, 2015 Board meeting.

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