



MEDIA RELEASE

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Board Welcomes Student Trustees

District School Board Ontario North East is proud to welcome two new student trustees for the 2017-18 school year. With the ultimate goal of advancing the student vision, student trustees are elected by their peers to bring student voice to district school board tables.

Jaykob Walton is a Grade 12 student at Timmins High and Vocational School. His favourite subjects so far have been Grade 11 Biology and Baking.

"I am very excited and honoured to be one of this year's student trustees," said Walton. *"The position involves both leadership and public speaking. I enjoy these things and am passionate about them."*

Walton believes the issue of identity is a problem facing many teens today. *"Some struggle with body image, others with social anxieties, their place in society or gender uncertainty. My goal is to make a difference in their lives and hopefully make a positive impact."*

Aiza Asif is in Grade 12 at Iroquois Falls Secondary School. Her favourite subject is Law, but she also enjoys English.

"As student trustee I look forward to representing the student voice in our schools, making sure that a student perspective is considered during board decisions," said Asif.

Asif thinks poor attendance is a huge problem facing our students today. *"When students miss a lot of school, it severely inhibits their ability to learn,"* she added.

"I am very proud to welcome Jaykob and Aiza as our newest student trustees," said Director of Education, Lesleigh Dye. *"I know they will do a great job representing our students across the North East, and I look forward to working with them."*

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