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Dear Editor:

The time is rapidly approaching for voters to decide who will shape and direct local education for the next four years. School trustee elections will take place October 27, 2010, but it is not too early to think about who you would like to see as candidates for this important office.

Having good candidates for the upcoming election is critical because school board trustees decide how education is delivered locally. Our policies and decisions have a tremendous impact on the local community, although this might only be evident to most people when the discussion is about very emotional issues.

Annually, we manage millions of dollars in public funds, employ over two hundred staff, support local businesses, and play a key role in the care and education of local school-aged children.

As a community, shaping our young people into well-educated and well-rounded citizens is one of our most important roles. Residents can help meet this goal by ensuring the local school board represents the diverse views and interests of the community it serves.

It is our belief that a broad spectrum of interests on our local school board makes our education system stronger, and a strong, well-run education system adds to the strength and vitality of local communities. That's why, on behalf of our board, I would encourage anyone with an interest in children and a vision for local education to consider running for trustee. It is important work that makes a difference in the development of our children and the lives of local residents, whether they have children in school or not.

Nomination papers may be filed from September 15 to 21, 2010 inclusive. Our central office has information about becoming a school board trustee. We would encourage people to stop by to pick up a copy or call to have the information sent to you. Trustees are also available to speak about trusteeship. Call our central office at 523-7531 for more information.

Yours truly,

Garth Nichol
Chairperson, Turtle Mountain School Division