



## **Your school support designation matters. Review it by June 1 so you're ready to vote on October 26.**

To ensure your correct school support designation is provided to Elections Ontario in time for the next municipal and school board elections on October 26, 2026, it should be reviewed and, if needed, updated by June 1, 2026.

While Elections Ontario maintains the Permanent Register of Electors in Ontario for provincial, municipal, and school board elections, MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) is legislatively responsible for collecting school support designation information.

### **What is school support?**

Whether you own or rent your home, your property is linked to a school board – even if you don't have children or your children aren't currently attending school. While you're not required to make a designation, you do have the option to choose which school board you support. If you don't make a choice, your support will default to the English-Public school board.

### **How to update school support designation u**

Property owners can change their school support designation online using **MPAC AboutMyProperty™** or our online portal for tenants. To get started, you will choose the option that applies to you:

- I am a property owner
- I am a tenant

**Please note:** Registration may take up to 24 hours to activate.

To learn more or update a school support designation, visit [mpac.ca/schoolsupport](https://mpac.ca/schoolsupport).

# Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

## **Why does my school support designation matter, even if I don't have children in school?**

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## **How do I find out which school board I currently support?**

By default, your school support is directed to the English-Public school board unless you've chosen otherwise. You may be eligible to support the English-Catholic, French-Public, French-Catholic, or Protestant-Separate (Penetanguishene only) school boards.

To check your current designation:

- Use MPAC's secure online tools at [mpac.ca/schoolsupport](https://mpac.ca/schoolsupport)
- Or call our Customer Contact Centre for assistance (Toll Free (866) 296-6722)

## **Why does Elections Ontario maintain the Permanent Register of Electors, while MPAC continues to collect school support designation information?**

Elections Ontario is now responsible for maintaining the Permanent Register of Electors, which is used for the municipal and school board elections. MPAC is legislatively responsible for collecting school support designation information under the *Education Act*. The designation is included on the annual Assessment Roll and informs the Preliminary List of Electors, which will be used in the October 2026 municipal and school board elections.

## **When are the next municipal and school board elections in Ontario?**

The next municipal and school board elections in Ontario will take place on Monday, October 26, 2026. To vote for a school board trustee, your school support designation must be up to date.

## **How do I register to vote in provincial and local elections in Ontario?**

If you're planning to vote in the next municipal or provincial election in Ontario, you can register for both elections in one place. Visit [RegisterToVoteON.ca](https://RegisterToVoteON.ca) to check, update, or add your information to the voters' list for municipal, district social services administration board, school board, and provincial elections in Ontario.

### **Additional resources**

For additional information and FAQs, visit [mpac.ca/schoolsupport](https://mpac.ca/schoolsupport).