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12 May 2025

Minister Claire Johnson, PhD
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Place 2000, 250 King Street
Fredericton, New Brunswick
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Dear Minister Johnson:

The student representative on the District Education Council (DEC) for Anglophone West School District (ASD-W) will graduate from Fredericton High School this year. He has been a superb voice for students on the Council and has also been very engaged in the proceedings of the ASD-W Council of Student Leaders (ASD-W CSL).

As per normal, the Council commenced our search for a new student representative for the 2025-2026 school year in April of this year through the circulation of a Student Leadership Opportunity Poster (attached) in the district high schools as well as advertising the opportunity on the district web site. We have used this procedure for a number of years, and it has consistently garnered a significant number of applications. This year was no different and 25 applications were received by the submission deadline on 25 April 2025.

Members of the Council were supplied with copies of all applications on 26 April 2025 by email and were requested to review them, select their top three choices for the Student Councillor position and be prepared to discuss all submissions at our next Council meeting. During our Council's Working Meeting, held on 8 May at the Woodstock Education Centre, Councillors shared their choices with each other. The voting identified the preferred choice of the Council and thus, in accordance with Section 36.2 (3.1) of the Education Act, we request that you appoint the following individual as the Student Councillor for the ASD-W DEC, commencing 1 July 2025:

Name:

Rowan Seahra

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Respectfully, we request that the appointment letter be sent to the Council for notification of the individual. This will ensure that we can commence the administrative arrangements (remuneration, technical support, administration of Oath of Office etc.) to facilitate their commencement as a member of the Council but also it will allow us to promptly notify unsuccessful applicants.

We would very much appreciate your early consideration of this matter so that we might invite the new appointee to attend the Council's last public meeting of this school year on 19 June 2025. We look forward to your favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Thomas K.D. Sibut

Chairperson District Education Council

Anglophone West School District

CC:

Ryan Donaghy, Deputy Minister, EECD

Dr. Tiffany Bastin, Assistant Deputy Minister, EECD

David McTimoney, Superintendent, Anglophone West School District

Attachments: 2

1 - ASD-West Student Leadership Opportunity Poster (2025-26 School Year)

2 - Application Documents - Rowan Seahra

LOOKING FOR A ASD-W Anglophone School District West LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY?

Consider Applying for the ASD-W District Education Council

Be a voice for students and serve your school district. If you are currently in Grade 10 or 11, want to provide direct input on important issues such as health & safety, mental health, budget & buildings, and First Nations relations & education, apply today to be the Student Representative on the District Education Council (DEC) for the Anglophone School District West (ASD-W).

Meetings occur two Thursday evenings a month and you will be compensated \$300 monthly until the end of June 2025.

For inquiries or to apply please email: asdwinfo@nbed.nb.ca

Applications must include your cover letter, resume and references.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

Rowan Seahra

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April 24th, 2025

ASD-W District Education Council

I am writing to express my interest in the role of student representative on the District Education Council (DEC) for the 2025-2026 school year. As a dedicated and dynamic student leader, I am deeply committed to promoting student voice and making a positive difference in my community, both at school and beyond. I believe I can bring a fresh perspective and contribute in a truly meaningful way to the work of the DEC.

This year, I have had the proud honour of serving as the ASD-W Council of Student Leaders President. In this role, I have been able to lead a team of like-minded students in the development of a report concerning an area of growth within the school district. Through this work, I have also had the opportunity to become the student representative for the Long-Term Recommendations Committee for the New Brunswick Department of Education. Having had this opportunity, my passion for student advocacy has grown, and I am eager to continue making a difference in this area.

In addition to my district-level involvement, I have also worked in a wide range of enriching leadership capacities within different organizations, such as CISV and Fredericton High School's (FHS) Student Representative Council. My leadership style is collaborative, action-focused and inclusive, and I like to highlight diversity in everything I do. I am especially dedicated to sharing all student voices, especially those of marginalized communities.

I am also interested in civics education and government. I co-founded the FHS Humanities society to promote civics education and to further students' opportunities to study history, politics, and social studies at Fredericton High School. I have aspirations of pursuing work in policy after high school, and I am extremely interested in this opportunity to gain experience in this type of work. I am excited to learn more about how educational governance works through a position on the DEC.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honoured to be able to amplify student voices and contribute to an education system that reflects our values as a student representative on the DEC.

Sincerely,

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EDUCATION

Fredericton High School (FHS)

Class of 2026

Working towards finishing grade 11. Set to graduate in June 2026.

Honours in English, Mathematics, and Social Studies for the 2023-2024 school year.

EXPERIENCE

FHS Humanities Society - Co-Founder and President

OCTOBER 2024 - PRESENT

- Created a club at FHS to discuss humanities studies.
- Led social media campaigns surrounding youth voting and course selection.

ASD-W Council of Student Leaders - President

OCTOBER 2024 - PRESENT

- Led a large group of people towards consensus.
- Used various research methods to write a report on issues within the school district.

Department of Education Long-Term Recommendations Committee - Student Representative

OCTOBER 2024 - PRESENT

- Brought student perspective to the work of the Long-Term Recommendations Committee.
- Provided feedback and ideas for the upcoming education plan.

FHS Student Representative Council - Social Committee Chair

JUNE 2024 - PRESENT

- Planned and executed large-scale events.
- Managed a committee to ensure event success.
- Attended meetings to plan and uphold a positive school community.

CISV Junior Board Canada - Educational Content Specialist, Junior Board Development Coordinator

NOVEMBER 2023 - PRESENT

- Attended monthly board meetings.
- Delivered training surrounding educational content activities.
- Conducted surveys of 13 chapters around Canada for meaningful feedback to inform the next steps
 of projects.

FHS Positive Action Committee - Executive Member

SEPTEMBER 2023 - PRESENT

- Planned and executed meaningful activities to strengthen the school community.
- Promoted positivity around FHS.

Girl Guides of Canada - Junior Guider

SEPTEMBER 2023 - PRESENT

- Planned and delivered meaningful activities for over 20 girls aged 8-13.
- Managed a group of over 20 girls.

CISV Junior Branch Board Fredericton - Local Junior Representative, Treasurer, Merchandise Coordinator, Leadership Development Board Coordinator

SEPTEMBER 2022 - PRESENT

- Planned and executed meaningful educational content activities for over 20 children aged 11-15.
- Organized and attended board meetings and strategic planning meetings.
- Managed finances, sold and managed merchandise items.
- Ran a training board for a group of 5-10 middle school students surrounding leadership skills.

Youth Mental Health Summit-Attendee

OCTOBER 2022 - DECEMBER 2022

- Attended a summit to learn about youth mental health.
- Planned an action project to address youth mental health within Fredericton High School.

Theatre New Brunswick Theatre School Summer Camps- Volunteer

JULY 2021 - JULY 2022

- Helped run games and activities for youth interested in theatre.
- Managed different personalities in a group of children.

George Street Middle School Student Representative Council-Junior Vice President

JUNE 2020 - JUNE 2021

- Sat on a council of like-minded students to make informed changes.
- Planned and facilitated activities to promote school spirit.

George Street Middle School Global Minds- Participant and President

SEPTEMBER 2019 - JUNE 2022

- Participated in activities surrounding topics of diversity.
- Planned and organized activities.
- Managed a board of students.

SKILLS

- Proficient in Microsoft 365, G Suite, Canva, Windows, and MacOS.
- Enrolled in French Immersion (Grade 3 entry).
- Minute taking.
- Leadership.
- Public speaking.
- Project coordination.
- Communication.
- Data collection and analysis.
- Educational activity planning.

AWARDS

George Street Middle School Leadership Award for Student Activities.

REFERENCES

Benjamin Dowling: Benjamin Dowling anbed.nb.ca
Gregory Peters: gregory.netersanbed.nb.ca
Wendy Hudon: wendy.hudonanbed.nb.ca