



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 2016-17 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.

Aviana Ruel is a Grade 12 student at Ecole Secondaire Cochrane High. Her favourite subject is English, and she loves the theatre.

"What interests me about the role of student trustee is being able to represent the voice of the students in our school board to help make a difference," says Aviana. "One big issue our students face today is a lack of places to express and explore their interests away from their studies."

Gillian Gobbo is in Grade 12 at Iroquois Falls Secondary School. Her favourite subject is Biology, and she loves playing hockey.

"As student trustee I look forward to meeting new people and supporting the opinion of my peers at board meetings," says Gillian. "One big issue facing our students is poor attendance. Many students don't feel the need to attend classes and that influences other students."

"We are pleased to welcome Aviana and Gillian as our newest student trustees," says Director of Education, Linda Knight. "I look forward to working with them, and thank them for their interest in representing our students across the North East."

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