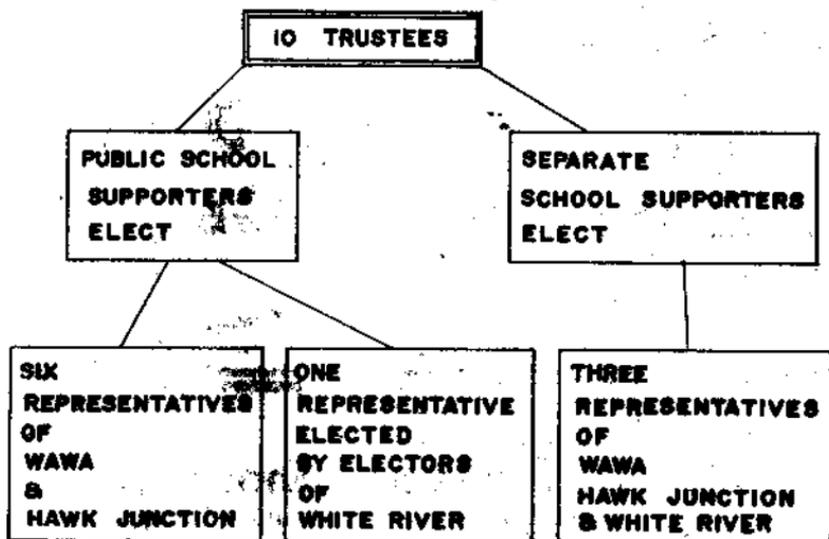


ARE YOU AWARE?



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Successful educational policies depend on an actively interested and involved electorate. There are 100,000 teachers in Ontario. These teachers, as members of the public, and as professionals should exercise a responsibility to inform the public and to encourage their participation in Ontario's local elections. School board elections are vitally important to the community. Over five billion dollars a year, or \$630 per person is spent on education annually.

On December 2nd, 1974, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. electors in Wawa, White River, and Hawk Junction will select the local board of education responsible for the development of our children. An advance poll will be open Saturday, November 23 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone who is 18 years of age by December 2, a Canadian citizen or resident of the municipality between September 3, or Oct. 8, is entitled to vote. Municipal elections still follow the old British tradition when Parliament represented property rather than people. Any voters who meet income and property qualifications in the municipality can consequently vote, though a non-resident. Even if a name does not appear on the voters' list, an elector can still cast a ballot. Simply apply to the deputy returning officer, and declare an entitlement to vote.

It has often been said that the people obtain the government they deserve. Only by exercising a keen interest in school board candidates, will those candidates be chosen best suited for public office. Electors must choose candidates who wish to maintain the highest quality of education in the community. Furthermore, candidates must be willing to devote the extensive time and energy, demanded of all school board members.

Are you able to name the school board nominees? As of Nov. 12, nominations are closed. The list of nominated candidates must be posted at the office of the town clerk, or in a conspicuous public place and is open for inspection. Examine this list. Meet the candidates. Find out their views on education. Vote on December 2 for those nominees in whom you believe. In this way the high quality of education will continue to be maintained in the Michipicoten region.