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### **Community Working Together to Plan All Candidates Debate**

The Central Saanich Community Association (CSCA) is excited to be partnering with the students and staff of Stelly's Secondary School to bring the Community an All Candidates Debate prior to the Provincial Election.

Stelly's staff and CSCA board members have been collaborating to flesh out the details for the event. Celeste Zimmer, CSCA Chair mentions "The teachers have been very creative and strategic in their approach to ensure we are involving as many classes and students as possible". The event will be co-hosted by the students ensuring they are involved in everything from promoting the event, providing questions to the candidates, to co-moderating and presenting throughout the night. "By having students involved you are also more likely to have parents and families take part as well" Zimmer added.

"This is the beginning of a long and mutually beneficial relationship" says David Graham, CSCA Secretary and initiator of the partnership. CSCA would like to have ongoing engagement with the students. They hope that in the future, they may establish a Youth Committee to ensure youth ideas and interests are known and can help to inform the association. Zimmer adds that "The hope is it will empower students to become more engaged and active in civic affairs, hopefully fostering a practice that will be engrained by the time they reach adulthood and are able to vote themselves."

All three candidates working to represent Saanich North and the Islands in the BC legislature, [Stephen Roberts](#) of the Liberals, [Gary Holman](#) of the NDP and [Adam Olsen](#) of the Greens, will all be in attendance.

The event will be taking place on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in the Stelly's Secondary School multipurpose room. The event is free and open to the public, with doors opening at 6:30 and the debate taking place from 7:00 – 9:00. For more info visit <http://cscommunityassociation.ca/> or e-mail [csc@shaw.ca](mailto:csc@shaw.ca)

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