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Virtual Co-operative Education Program

The Lambton Kent District School Board introduced a new Virtual Co-Operative Education program this year as one of its Student Success initiatives. The program is designed to give individuals who have not graduated from secondary school the opportunity to reconnect with the public school system and earn secondary school credits while maintaining their employment. To qualify an individual must be under the age of 21 when the course begins, have current employment or volunteer experience, have previously earned 22 credits, including most of the compulsory credits, and have access to the internet.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for students,” commented Director Stucke. “They are able to work towards completing the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma without disrupting their employment.”

Thirty-three students participated in the program that ran from September 2005 to January 2006. Twenty-five students are registered in the program for second semester.

2006/2007 School Year Budget Development Plan

Trustees approved the budget development schedule for the 2006/2007 school year budget. The grant regulations are expected to be released to school boards by the Ministry of Education in March 2006. The public will have opportunity to provide input and receive information on the development of the budget at the public Board Meetings scheduled for March 28, April 11, 25, May 9 and 23, 2006.

A budget information session is planned for School Council Chairs on April 20 and for the members of the Board’s Special Education Advisory Committee on May 18, 2006. Final approval of the 2006/2007 budget is planned for the June 13, 2006 public board meeting.

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