



# News Release

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## **BOARD APPROVED CONCEPTS FOR NEW GYM AND LIBRARY ADDITIONS AT McNAUGHTON AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL IN CHATHAM AND CATHCART BOUELVARD SCHOOL IN SARNIA**

The Board approved the concept drawings for the addition of a new gymnasium and new library at Cathcart Boulevard School in Sarnia and McNaughton Avenue Public School in Chatham. The four room portapac at Cathcart Boulevard School will be replaced by renovating the old gym and library into four new classrooms. McNaughton Avenue Public School will receive a new gymnasium and classrooms. The old gymnasium space will be renovated into a new library facility with an adjoining computer lab. Enrolment projections at these elementary schools for the next ten years indicate that the school population will remain constant.

## **TRANSPORTATION FOR FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS FORMALIZED**

Transportation for students enrolled in the French Immersion programs across the district have been formalized and clarified for consistency. The opportunity to be involved in French Immersion is open to all students within the district.

CLASS (Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrative School Services) executive has determined the need to formalize and clarify the transportation practice to offer a consistent and fair service to students and families throughout the entire district. A thorough study has been done to provide data to develop the criteria for qualification for transportation for French Immersion.

While any student is eligible to participate in French Immersion, not all will qualify for transportation. Students currently bused for the program will be “grandfathered” through the duration of their time in either elementary school or secondary school. Information will be shared at Early Years registration, with students entering grade 9 and with any families new to the district.

## **ELEMENTARY ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS**

The following transfers and appointments were effective January 9, 2006.

- Mark Houghton was transferred to the position of Elementary Principal at Devine Street Public School in Sarnia.
- Andrew Parnham was appointed to the position of Elementary Principal at Bridgeview Public School in Point Edward.
- Todd Hayward was appointed to the position of Acting Elementary Vice-Principal at Queen Elizabeth II Public School in Sarnia.

The following transfers and appointments are effective March 1, 2006.

- Dennis Hill will transfer to the position of Elementary Principal at Tecumseh Public School in Chatham.
- Peggy Blair will move to the position of Elementary Principal at Winston Churchill Public School.
- Mary Lynn Andersen will move to the position of Acting Elementary Vice-Principal at Indian Creek Road Public School in Chatham.

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