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Lambton Kent Student Leadership Symposium

On Friday, June 1st, secondary students across the Lambton Kent District School Board will be meeting at Lambton-Kent Composite School in Dresden for the first *Lambton Kent Student Leadership Symposium*. The day is being hosted and organized by the Board's Student Board Liaison Committee. Five students in grades ten and eleven from each school have been invited to attend the day, which will have the theme *Start a Revolution*.

The day will begin with a panel of students who have led successful initiatives in their schools and communities in the past. These students will speak about their experiences, barriers they faced, and how they initiated their projects. Time will also be given for further interaction with these student leaders. As well, students will learn about the Student/Board Liaison Committee, how to get involved, and hear from their 2007-2008 Student Trustees.

The second focus of the day will be based around building teamwork and leadership skills. A number of activities have been set up which will allow students to work on communication, networking, time management, and other skills that are assets for leaders in schools.

The third focus will be based on creating initiatives within schools across the district. Students will look at the issues students face and brainstorm ideas that students can lead to improve the student experience across schools in Lambton Kent. Committees will be created around these ideas, and begin to organize the initiative. At least one member from each of the committees created will be a member of the Student/Board Liaison in 2007-2008 and report back to this committee on the progress of the initiatives. Past initiatives that have taken place elsewhere include a student-driven competition to cut waste and decrease greenhouse gas emissions, fundraising drive to help students in need to take part in school activities, and organizing interschool competitions and events.

It is hoped this day is a catalyst for improving connections between schools and spurring initiatives for the benefit of all students in Lambton Kent.

Autism Supports in the Lambton Kent District School Board

The Lambton Kent District School Board offers a range of services and programs for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Our High Needs Itinerant team made up of a Special Education Teacher and two Educational Assistants provide programming suggestion strategies, consultations and direct service to students and staff across the district. As a resource, we have access to the Thames Valley Children Centre School Support Program – ASD Consultants to provide staff training, resources and materials to teachers. Most of our students receive the support of an Educational Assistant in the regular classroom setting while a smaller cross section have multiple exceptionalities which provides opportunity for special class placement

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