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Devine Street School's Accommodation Review Committee Appointed

The Lambton Kent District School Board appointed the members to serve on Devine Street School's Accommodation Review Committee. Membership on the Accommodation Review Committee shall include students, parents, educators, trustees, senior administrative representatives, First Nations representatives, business, community and municipal partners.

The Committee's first task is to review and revise the School Valuation Tool to make it specific to the Devine Street School Community.

During the 2005/2006 school year, Sarnia Elementary School Community Consultation meetings were held to discuss possible reorganization of schools within the city of Sarnia. Considerable interest was shown for the consolidation of two or more schools to be replaced by a larger, fully equipped new school in the same part of the city. These are the two oldest elementary schools in the City of Sarnia and are located within 1.6 km of each other in the core area of the City.

Further Community Consultation Meetings were held in January and February 2007. There was unanimous support and great enthusiasm for the building of a replacement school for the students of Devine and Johnston. Possible locations were researched with the final conclusion that the best available location in the same neighbourhoods would be the current Johnston site.

The Board's proposal for the consolidation of the two schools using Capital Plan funding to build a replacement school was carefully developed and the strong business plan was submitted to the Ministry of Education more than a year ago. Ministry staff have been most encouraging yet there has been no firm confirmation to date.

The Accommodation Review Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Devine Street School. The meeting is open to the public.

Design Drawings Approved for Lansdowne Public School

The Lambton Kent District School Board approved the design drawings for Lansdowne Public School to replace the existing portable classrooms. The project plan is to replace the existing 6 portable classrooms (portapac unit) with 3 permanent classrooms and internal renovations, convert the former design and technology area into a new library and computer lab and turn the former library into two 2 classrooms. The project will now be issued for tender.

Student/Board Liaison Committee Hosting Student Leadership Conference

On Thursday, November 29, secondary students across the Lambton Kent District School Board will be meeting at Lambton-Kent Composite School in Dresden for a *Lambton Kent Student Leadership Conference*. The day is being hosted and organized for the first time by the members of the Board's Student/Board Liaison Committee.

The focus of the day will be based around building teamwork and leadership skills. Workshops are being offered on Pathways to Success, Building a Community and Anti-Bullying and Harassment. Todd Wood, teacher from Chatham-Kent Secondary School and Tribes®, Trainer for the Board, will speak to the students about the Tribes program. Tribes®, A New Way of Learning and Being Together, is an innovative program some of the schools in Lambton-Kent have implemented as part of their Professional Learning Community and Character Education programs. Tribes® uses a community building process as the foundation for transforming the school community environment to one in which teaching methods are effective in reaching and teaching students of and for today's world.

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