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Ministry Funding Initiatives to Benefit Aboriginal Students

The Lambton Kent District School Board will see its efforts to support Aboriginal students enhanced this year through Ministry funding for five different initiatives.

1. Cultural Awareness – To provide professional development for staff targeted at expanding awareness of First Nations culture and history \$100,000
2. Community Outreach - To build partnerships with families and communities to support Aboriginal student achievement and strengthen home / school relationships - \$10,000
3. Mentorship - To recognize and celebrate the successes and achievements of First Nation, Metis, and Inuit people as role models, and bring them together with Aboriginal students to provide mentorship and support - \$10,000
4. Transitions - To provide appropriate support for transitioning Aboriginal students between programs sponsored by local First Nation communities and the Lambton Kent District School Board, including those at the primary, intermediate, and senior levels - \$35,000
5. Regional Symposium – The Lambton Kent District School Board will serve as the lead board in planning and hosting a forum for boards in the London region to meet, dialogue, share, and learn together based on a dual focus: building and enhancing partnerships with Aboriginal communities and supporting the implementation of the *First Nation, Metis, and Inuit Education Policy Framework* - \$50,000

Board staff will work closely with First Nation leaders and community representatives in the planning and implementation of these initiatives.

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