



# News Release

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## **Board Receives High Marks In the Ministry's Operational Review**

Sarnia - The findings of the Operational Review conducted by the Ministry of Education on the Board in June 2008 were presented to the Trustees at the September 23, 2008 Board Meeting. The Ministry of Education strives to promote a strong, vibrant, publicly funded education system that is focused on three goals: improved levels of student achievement, reduced gaps in student achievement, and increased levels of public confidence in the education system. As part of the plan to achieve these goals, the Ministry is conducting operational reviews of school boards to help increase system effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, and responsiveness. The objective of the operational review is to build management capacity in the stewardship of non-academic functions of school boards. The reviews focus on governance, financial management, human resources management, and school operations and assess each board's level of adoption of leading business practices. The review found that the Board was well managed based on the fact the Board has adopted a significant number of leading practices in all of the functional areas.

## **Administration Supports the Findings of the Devine Street School Accommodation Review Committee**

After considerable study and consideration, the Administration of the Lambton Kent District School Board reported to Trustees that it supports the recommendations of the Devine Street Public School Accommodation Review Committee. The Committee presented to the Board at a public Board Meeting on May 27, 2008 recommendations supporting the closure of Devine Street Public School and the consolidation of its students with the students of Johnston Memorial Public School into a new school on the current Johnston Memorial site. According to Ministry of Education requirements and the Board Regulations, Administration is required to provide a response to the Committee's report in September. Trustees will make a final decision on the future of Devine Street School at an October Board Meeting.

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