Lambton-Kent Composite School

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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to notify you that as of end of Semester 1, the cafeteria at Lambton-Kent Composite School will no longer be operational.

Lambton Kent District School Board Senior Administration was informed by the cafeteria operator, Chartwells, that the company would be closing its location at Lambton-Kent Composite School at the end of Semester 1. The company cited low customer numbers, decreased profit margins, and the increase in minimum wage with the introduction of Bill 148 as negatively affecting profits. As such, Chartwells decided to close this location.

Chartwells has informed its employees of the service changes. This letter is to inform students, parents and guardians of the change in service to allow for adequate preparation for providing food for students beginning in second semester.

The introduction of the Ministry of Education's nutritional guidelines and Food and Beverage Policy, as well as the variety of food service providers in the area has increased the number of students who bring their own lunch or choose alternative food options in the community. There is also a Student Nutrition Program, as well as vending machines, available in the school for students to access.

The Lambton Kent District School Board is working collaboratively with Chartwells to communicate the service change and ensure a smooth transition for students and staff for second semester. The LKDSB is unable to assume the operation of the cafeteria.

In the interest of still providing our students opportunities to acquire nutritional food at LKCS, we are actively investigating possibilities with community vendors and agencies. More details on these opportunities will follow in second semester.

Should you have any questions or concerns you are encouraged to contact the school.

Sincerely,

J. Keane Principal