

## News Release

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## **Great Lakes Secondary School**

At the August 30, 2016 Board Meeting, Trustees of the Lambton Kent District School Board, on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Naming Committee, approved the name Great Lakes Secondary School for the Consolidated St. Clair Secondary School (SCSS) and Sarnia Collegiate Institute & Technical School (SCITS).

Committee members shortlisted the original 145 submissions down to three for further input.

- Bluewater Collegiate
- Great Lakes Secondary School
- Sarnia Clearwater Collegiate

Over 50% of the respondents supported the shortlisted name *Great Lakes Secondary School* and that support was representative of all stakeholder groups: students, staff, community members and alumni.

Committee members agreed on the geographic relevance of referencing the Great Lakes for a local school and that the Great Lakes exude an image of power and confidence.

Committee Members had originally agreed to:

- o stay away from the former school names and the associated acronyms;
- o stay away from North South reference; and
- o stay away from naming it after a person.

The Ad Hoc Committee was comprised of Trustees, School Staff, School Council Representatives, Community Representatives and a First Nation Representative.

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