



# News Release

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## **Great Lakes Secondary School Names 'Wolfpack' as Official Mascot**

Students at Great Lakes Secondary School (GLSS) will become the 'Wolfpack,' following the approval of the official school mascot and colours at a recent meeting of the Great Lakes Secondary School Transition Committee.

The Transition Committee has also approved light blue, black and silver as the official school colours.

"Wolves live their lives in a pack. The Wolfpack mascot is intended to encourage students to live selflessly, respect one's own place within the larger group and to take pride in this group and celebrate the accomplishments of its members. These are qualities we desire for each student who attends Great Lakes Secondary School," said April Brander, Co-Chair of the Identity Sub-Committee.

The Identity Sub-Committee solicited public input on the school colours and mascot through an online survey. More than 2,000 submissions were reviewed by a sub-committee and following careful consideration, a recommendation was presented to the Transition Committee. The final decision was made by the Transition Committee, which is comprised of GLSS students, parents, staff and school council members representing the consolidated schools, as well as Aamjiwnaang First Nation.

"The Wolfpack embodies strength, tenacity, loyalty and unity," said Jim Costello, Director of Education, Lambton Kent District School Board. "It is fitting the Transition Committee has supported a school mascot that demonstrates these traits, which has been demonstrated by Great Lakes Secondary School students and staff as they move forward together through this process."

The next steps will involve the Transition Committee creating the visual identity for the school, including working with an artist to design a school logo and crest, as well as a motto for the school.

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