

# News Release

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## **Ministry of Education Announces a \$14 million Capital Investment for the Lambton Kent District School Board**

The Ministry of Education announced a \$14 million capital investment for the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) to support renovations and improvements to the Great Lakes Secondary School permanent site and the Wyoming Public School site.

Hounourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education, announced today a \$10.3 million investment in Great Lakes Secondary School's permanent site for the construction of an auditorium, First Nations community room and accessibility improvements. Additionally, the Ministry has earmarked \$3.7 million for Wyoming Public School to support the creation of new pupil spaces, a daycare and gymnasium at the consolidated school.

"High-quality schools are the heart of our local communities and the foundation of our publicly funded education system. We know that better buildings support better learning. The funding announced today is a strategic investment in student achievement and well-being, and in the long-term prosperity of our province," said Minister of Education Mitzie Hunter.

The LKDSB will provide School Condition Improvement Funds for further improvements to both schools, including \$5.7 million for the Great Lakes Secondary School permanent site and \$2 million for the Wyoming Public School site. These investments will support mechanical (heating and cooling) upgrades and classroom enhancements.

The total amount of funding for the Great Lakes Secondary School permanent site will be \$16 million. The total amount of funding for the Wyoming Public School site will be \$5.7 million.

"The Lambton Kent District School Board is pleased with the Ministry of Education's investment in our newly consolidated schools, as this will support the modernization of both facilities, create additional pupil spaces and improve accessibility, which will greatly benefit our students, staff and the community," said LKDSB Director of Education Jim Costello.

The LKDSB will begin the initial stages of design and tendering for construction and renovations at Great Lakes Secondary School's permanent site and Wyoming Public School site as soon as possible, with timelines to be determined. Great Lakes Secondary School recently announced a new mascot and school colours, and is working to establish its visual identity. An Ad Hoc Naming Committee for the Consolidation of South Plympton and Wyoming Public Schools is currently soliciting public input for the name of the new consolidated school.

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