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Plympton-Wyoming Public School Approved as Name for Consolidated School

Trustees of the Lambton Kent District School Board, on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Naming Committee, approved the name Plympton-Wyoming Public School for the Consolidation of South Plympton and Wyoming Public Schools at the January 31, 2017 Board Meeting.

Committee members shortlisted the original 45 submissions down to four for further input:

- Plympton-Wyoming Public School
- South Plympton Wyoming Public School
- Sir John Colborne Memorial School
- Wyoming Station Public School

Of the total number of respondents, including students, staff, community members and alumni, 75 per cent supported the shortlisted name, Plympton-Wyoming Public School.

"I am pleased with the Committee's selection, Plympton-Wyoming Public School, as it celebrates the two school communities, as well as pays tribute to the surrounding geographic area where our students and families live," said Lambton Kent District School Board Director Jim Costello.

Prior to the public consultation, Committee members agreed the names should meet the following criteria: keep existing/combination of names; a historical local person; or geographic area.

The Ad Hoc Naming Committee was comprised of Trustees, school staff and community representatives, along with school and LKDSB administration.

The Wyoming Public School site will be the permanent location of the consolidated Plympton-Wyoming Public School. In October 2016, the Ministry of Education announced an investment of \$3.7 million to support the creation of new pupil spaces, a daycare and gymnasium at the consolidated school. The LKDSB will provide \$2 million in School Condition Improvement Funds for further improvements, including mechanical (heating and cooling) upgrades and classroom enhancements.

The South Plympton site will remain open until the work is completed and the final consolidation of all students at the Wyoming site will be in September 2018.

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