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John N. Given Public School Parents/Guardians
Tecumseh Public School Parents/Guardians

Dear Parent/Guardians:

After careful consideration and deliberation, Trustees of the Lambton Kent District School Board approved the following Motions at the May 9, 2017 Board Meeting.

"That the Board approve the consolidation of the John N. Given Public School Kindergarten to Grade 8 English Language Program at Tecumseh Public School for September 1, 2018; the Relocation of the John N. Given Public School Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion Program to McNaughton Avenue Public School in September 1, 2017 and approve the closure of John N. Given Public School as of July 1, 2018."

"That the Board approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to recommend to the Board a name for the consolidated Tecumseh Public School and John N. Given Public School and appoint two Trustees to serve on the Committee."

Principals Penney and Zondag will be working with Senior Administration to form the Transition Committee to oversee all "on the ground" details of consolidating the students and staff at the Tecumseh Public School site for September 2018. Senior Administration will communicate with the principals about the selection process for the Ad Hoc Naming Committee Members for the consolidated Tecumseh/John N Given Public School.

As of September 2017, French Immersion Kindergarten to Grade 8 students in the City of Chatham will attend McNaughton Avenue Public School.

Principal Zondag will be working with the Principal at McNaughton Avenue Public School to arrange transition activities for the Grade 7 French Immersion students relocating to McNaughton Avenue Public School for September 2017.

On behalf of the LKDSB, I would like to thank everyone for their interest in public education. Together we can make the transition to the consolidated school as smooth a process as possible for Every Student, Every Day.

Sincerely,

Jim Costello,

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Director of Education and Secretary of the Board