



Northeastern Catholic District School Board

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TRANSITION UPDATE FOR FAMILIES

October 27, 2016

We are pleased to share the following information with you regarding the progress on the Transition of Catholic Elementary Education in Timmins.

SCHOOL NAMING PROCESS

The Transition Team has finalized the process to be used for the naming of the new Kindergarten to Grade 4 school, set to open in September 2017. We are very excited to share the process that will be used:

STEP 1: (October 27 – November 7, 2016)

- ★ For two weeks, community members will have the opportunity to share their ideas for school names.
- ★ Ideas for the new school name can be emailed, called-in, on the website, mailed in, school drop-off.

STEP 2: (November 8, 2016)

- ★ The committee will short list the submissions up to 5 options.

STEP 3: (November 9 – November 18)

- ★ The options will be shared. Open voting will take place. (Different strategies will be put in place to encourage as much voting as possible).

STEP 4: (November 21, 2016)

- ★ Tabulation of voting results.

STEP 5: (November 30, 2016)

- ★ The final 2 options will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the regularly scheduled board meeting.

STEP 6: (December 9, 2016)

- ★ The Director of Education will announce the name of the school at the Inaugural Board Meeting.

STEP 7: (December 12, 2016)

- ★ The names of all people who submitted the “winning” school name will be placed in draw for a mini iPad.

The NCDSB believes that the selection of a name for a new school is a significant step in the process of establishing a new school community, consolidating school communities, or recognizing the canonization of an already named school. From the name, the culture and ethos of a school community will evolve. Within a Catholic school community, the name of a new school is intended to forge a connection with a saint or other significant Catholic individual or tradition. The name of a new school will develop a unique identity and spiritual bond for the students, families, and staff.

The propose name of a school shall give consideration to the following criteria:

- ★ Schools shall be designated as either “Catholic Elementary or Catholic Secondary School” in their official school name unless otherwise approved by the Board.
- ★ The duplication of names within the Northeastern Catholic District School Board shall be avoided.
- ★ The name of the school shall be such that it does not encourage inappropriate abbreviation or nicknaming.
- ★ The final choice of a school name shall rest solely with the Board.

PRINCIPLES TO FOLLOW

The name...

- ★ will be of inspiration to the students, families, and staff of the school.
- ★ will reflect the traditions and gospel values of the Catholic Church.
- ★ may have a Canadian or local community association.
- ★ will reflect in a positive manner the Board and the Catholic Faith.

BUILDING UPGRADES

Application for Funds – Renovations for Kindergarten to Grade 4 School

To date, no information has been received by the NCDSB in this regard. We anticipate hearing more about our application in the coming weeks. As soon as any information is received, we will share the outcome with our school communities.

Please be sure to check our website often for information about the Timmins consolidation of Catholic Elementary Schools!

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