

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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NAMING AND OPENING OF NEW OR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS POLICY

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1. Rationale

The name or re-naming of a school is an event which may create high community interest. The name chosen must be done with the recognition of several factors both present and future. A policy statement is required to ensure both community involvement and commitment as well as a fair and reasonable process.

2. Policy

It is the policy of Lakehead District School Board that the naming of schools be in accordance with the guidelines.

3. Guidelines

- 3.1 To name a new or consolidated school, or upon receipt of a formal written request to re-name an existing school, the director shall establish an ad hoc committee to make a recommendation to the Board.
- 3.2 The committee shall be comprised of the superintendent, representatives from the school's staff and students, trustees, and community members.
- 3.3 The name for a school will be chosen from:
 - 3.3.1 the street on which it is located;
 - 3.3.2 the district which the school serves;
 - 3.3.3 an historical name that once applied to the area; or
 - 3.3.4 the name of a person recognized as having made a significant contribution to the community, and/or to Canadian or international society.
- 3.4 At the opening of a new or consolidated school:
 - 3.4.1 the year of construction will be commemorated by placing a date stone, without ceremony, during construction; and
 - 3.4.2 public opening ceremonies will be held as soon as practicable after completion.

