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Dear Families:

I am writing to share with you some exciting news. Last evening, Trustees with the Limestone District School Board decided that the new Kingston secondary school currently under construction will be named Kingston Secondary School when it opens to students in the 2019-2020 school year.

Kingston Secondary School was chosen from a short list of five names provided to Trustees by the Central Kingston Intermediate/Secondary Integration Committee. The final five names – Central Kingston Secondary School, Gordon Downie Secondary School, Kingston Secondary School, Kingston Central Secondary School, and Namwayut Secondary School – were selected from a variety of suggestions provided through two phases of consultation.

Kingston Secondary School will refer to the Grade 9-12 portion of the new 171,000-square-foot facility on Kirkpatrick Street. Module Vanier, the Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion school currently located inside Kingston Collegiate & Vocational Institute (KCVI), will retain its name when it relocates to the new building that will house the current student population at KCVI.

The naming process was overseen by the Integration Committee which includes student, parent and staff representatives from Module Vanier, KCVI, and the former Queen Elizabeth Collegiate & Vocational Institute. The committee sought input from students, families, staff and the broader Kingston community through two phases of consultation.

"The selection of the school name is an exciting and important step in the creation of a school community," Central Kingston Integration Committee Chair and Board Chair Paula Murray said following the decision. "Kingston Secondary School is a wonderful choice that strikes a balance between creating a new name for this new beginning while honoring our past history. The Integration Committee did a fantastic job at considering the many names and ideas submitted, including soliciting robust participation from hundreds of students who will attend the new school."

With the new name decided, the Integration Committee will continue its work on coordinating feedback on school colours, school mascot and other transition items. On behalf of the Limestone District School Board, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to members of the Integration Committee for their diligence and commitment to the naming process.

I am also pleased to share with you that Kingston Secondary School's first Principal will be Talya McKenna, current principal at KCVI. Placing Ms. McKenna at the new school allows us to continue the wonderful work now under way to build our new school community.

Work on the \$38.3-million facility designed by ZAS Architects Inc. began in November 2017. The new school is expected to be complete for the 2019-2020 school year. We look forward to welcoming students, staff and our community to the new Kingston Secondary School soon!

Sincerely,

Debra Rantz
Director of Education

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