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Former Coronation School to be Renamed École Confédération

Brantford, ON: With more than 110 submissions, representing 61 different names, the Board of Trustees approved École Confédération as the new name for Coronation School, located at 54 Ewing Drive in Brantford.

This September, students in Kindergarten to grade 5 at École Fairview will reunite with students in grades 6 to 8 at Sky Acres Campus in the newly renovated single-track French immersion school.

“The name Confédération is significant as the school will open in the 2016-17 school year, the same year during which we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation,” said David Dean, Chair of the Board. “Confederation provides a sterling example to students of what can be accomplished when people of diverse backgrounds work together to achieve a common goal.”

Anglophone students in Ontario would not have the opportunity to learn the French language and experience French culture without the inclusion of both English and French as official languages in the British North America Act. École Confédération is easy to say in both languages and provides a subtle reminder of the building's heritage as Coronation School.

The Board of Trustees selected the name Confédération from a list of three top choices provided by the school community. The two additional names were École Mayfair, which is the area in which the school is located in Brantford, and École Béatrice Déloges, named after a woman who in 1912 fought to ensure that French language education would always be deemed necessary, relevant, and important in schools across Ontario.

The school is currently under construction and is scheduled for completion to welcome students on the first day of school in September. The funds for the renovation were provided by the Ministry of Education in the amount of \$5.8 million.

“We’re excited to have a new name to start this new chapter as École Confédération,” said Andrea Smith, Principal of the school. “Our next step is to build an identity for the students and school community through a logo contest and the selection of a new mascot.”

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