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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC TRUSTEES APPROVE NAMES FOR NEW SOUTH SARNIA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have selected and approved St. Matthew Catholic School as the name for the new school currently under construction at the site of St. Therese Catholic School; and Holy Trinity Catholic School as the name for the new school being built at the St. Benedict site.

“I want to publicly thank all of the parents and students who participated in this process, and who put forward several names that were fitting and appropriate for our new Catholic schools,” says Anita Labadie, Chair of the Board. “Their dedication to this important work has made our task as Trustees a simple one.”

Trustees chose from a short list of three names, recommended by the Joint Parent Transition Advisory Group (JPTAG), made up of parent representatives from the St. Benedict, St. Peter, St. Margaret and St. Therese Catholic school communities. The JPTAG selected the three from a list put forward by students and parents. Proposed names were required to meet criteria established for the process.

“I want to say a special word of thanks to Father Jim Higgins, our Episcopal Vicar for the Lambton Deanery,” says Paul Wubben, Director of Education. “We are grateful to have had his guidance and input throughout this process.”

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board voted in October 2008 to approve a recommendation from senior administration and an Accommodation Review Committee, with parent representatives from the affected school communities, to close St. Benedict, St. Peter, St. Margaret and St. Therese Catholic schools and consolidate them into two new schools to be built at the St. Therese and St. Benedict sites.