

NAMING OF SCHOOLS

Statement of Policy

It is the policy of the Peel District School Board that the naming of schools be in accordance with the guiding principles.

This policy is aligned with and supports the principles and expectations of the Board's Human Rights policy ([Policy 51](#)) and the Equity and Inclusive Education policy ([Policy 54](#)). At all times, this policy should be interpreted to be consistent with the Board's policies and the *Human Rights Code*.

Guiding Principles

At the discretion of the Board schools will be named in accordance with the following guidelines:

- the name of the street on which they are located;
- the name of the area/community they are to serve;
- an Indigenous or historical name that once applied to, or is connected to the area;
- a distinguished member of the community;
- a worthy individual not of the community, but deserving of recognition, e.g. notable Indigenous, Canadian or international figure, including but not limited to humanitarians, historical figures, government leaders and individuals who are widely recognized for their achievements.

Any proposal to name a school for or after an individual will be approved in Committee and presented to the Board in Open Session for receipt. If the proposal is to name the school for or after an individual, permission must be sought by the potential namesake or their representative before going to the Board for confirmation.

At the discretion of the Board, an existing school may be renamed for reasons including, but not limited to:

- a significant change in school focus
- amalgamation of schools
- school replacement

A majority vote of the Board is required to rename a school.

The Board does not need to approve alterations of a school name connected to the grades served (e.g., Senior to Middle).

The Director of Communications & Community Relations Support Services is responsible, in consultation with the area Trustee and school Principal, for the school naming process, and for ensuring that appropriate approvals are secured when schools are named for individuals.

Final recommendations for the naming of schools will be presented to the Board for approval.

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