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CBE Board of Trustees to form a Name Review Committee for Sir John A. Macdonald School

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CALGARY — Trustees have heard from stakeholders, including students, that it is important that we review the name of the school. Sir John A. Macdonald was Canada’s first prime minister and there is complex history attached to the name.

The CBE Board of Trustees passed a motion on April 26 to form a name review committee for Sir John A. Macdonald School. The name of this school will be reviewed by the committee to support the Board in making an informed decision on whether to change the name.

As outlined in the terms of reference, the committee’s work includes:

- reviewing and consider historical research and analysis related to the school name;
- engaging with stakeholders;
- following guiding principles when conducting review and making recommendation(s); and
- providing recommendation(s) to the Board.

The decision to change the school name lies with the Board of Trustees.

For more detailed information about the name review committee and renaming of schools:

[GC-5E – Name Review Committee Terms of Reference](#)

[GC-3 – Board Job Description Policy](#)

The next step is for the Board of Trustees to confirm committee members. The committee will be comprised of seven individuals including trustees, CBE staff, the school council chair and members of the community.

The Board is committed to conducting this work in a thoughtful manner that considers the diverse perspectives of students, staff, families and community members. More information will be shared about the process when details are confirmed.

