



Dr. John Seaton Elementary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

As you may know, Trustees on Monday, May 13 received three submissions from the School Naming Advisory Committee.

The school renaming process was initiated as part of the West Flamborough and Ancaster Accommodation Reviews.

In March 2015 and March 2018, HWDSB received total Ministry of Education funding of \$14.4 million for a 511-pupil place, K-8 elementary school on the Beverly Community Centre site. Students attending Beverly Central and Dr. Seaton campuses in September, will attend the new school once it is complete.

HWDSB surveyed the public for possible names and received 97 submissions with over 56 suggested names.

Of these submissions, Trustees approved as the new name **Rockton Elementary School**.

In case you would like some background on the name, here is information that Trustees received regarding the name Rockton Elementary School:

Rockton is a small community located 32 kilometers northwest of Hamilton. It has been the host of the famous Rockton World's fair since the mid-1850's. The title of "World's Fair" was first used by local newspapers in 1878. Rockton also draws visitors as a well-established community with ties that stretch as far back as the United Empire Loyalists. According to writing by Robert Kirkland Kernighan, a group of settlers decided on the name "Rocktown" which later was shortened to Rockton. The name likely derived from the rocks, stones and quarries in the area.

Sincerely,

Paul Clemens
Principal