



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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### **Ground broken for new St. Bernard Elementary School**

(Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014) – A symbolic ground-breaking ceremony for a new Catholic elementary school to be built in east Windsor is an important first step to generate interest and enthusiasm for a community facility that will last for generations to come, according to WECDSB Chair Barbara Holland.

“This will be a magnificent new facility which will finally bring all the students from several school communities together under one roof,” Holland said during a ceremony for the new St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School, to be constructed on Chandler Road, right behind the existing school. “We couldn’t be more thrilled to see this project finally moving forward.”

The ceremony, held today behind the existing St. Bernard School, acknowledged the Ministry of Education’s recent approval of a land trade between the Board and the City of Windsor, which will allow for the new school to be constructed, while the old facility will be cleared to make way for new residential development.

The new school will accommodate students from St. Bernard, the former Our Lady Lourdes Catholic Elementary School, and the nearby St. Jules Catholic Elementary School, an aging facility that will close when the new one is built.

“Getting to this point has required enormous effort from everyone involved,” said Fred Alexander, Trustee for Wards 5 and 8. “The people of this community have a tremendous emotional attachment to their schools and the changes haven’t always been easy for them. It’s important to acknowledge their patience and understanding, and I believe they’ll be extremely happy once they see this brand new school.”

Director of Education Paul Picard said there are still a number of matters to be addressed, but expects shovels will be in the ground in several months.

“We’re just as excited as everyone else in this community to get this project up and running,” he said. “This school is going to be a marvelous addition to this community.”

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