



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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New school to replace St Bernard

Contractor selected, construction to begin within 10 days

(Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016) – A plan to construct a new school to replace the aging St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School was approved by Board trustees tonight.

A recommendation to award the construction of the new school to Wincon Construction Inc. at a cost of about \$7.5 million was approved at the Board's regular monthly public meeting. Construction on the JK-6 school, which will be located just southwest of the current location on Meldrum Road, will accommodate 400 students, from both the existing St. Bernard site, as well as those from St. Jules Catholic Elementary School on nearby Norman Road. The new school is slated to open for the 2017-18 year, and the old school will be demolished after that.

"We're absolutely delighted that this is going to begin," said Trustee Fred Alexander, who represents the ward in which the school is located. "The students and parents of this community have been very patient, and now they are going to be rewarded with a wonderful new facility."

Director of Education Paul Picard said costs for the new school have already been funded through the Ministry of Education's Capital Priorities Fund.

"We are committed to providing dynamic learning spaces for our students and staff," said Board Chair Barb Holland. "We're certain this is going to be an excellent new facility for our students in that community to grow and learn."

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