



Fessenden 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 Ancaster Accommodation Review, which saw the Board of Trustees approve the closure of Fessenden and Queen's Rangers, pending Ministry of Education funding for two new JK-8 elementary schools on the CH Bray and Rousseau sites, as well as an addition at Ancaster Senior.

In March of this year, HWDSB received Ministry of Education funding for a \$3,702,489 addition to Ancaster Senior. Ancaster Senior and Fessenden will close in June 2019 and students will continue to attend both closed schools (two campuses of the new school).

HWDSB surveyed the public for possible names and received 97 submissions with over 99 suggested names.

Of these submissions, Trustees approved as the new name **Frank Panabaker Elementary School**. The name will take effect in September 2019.

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

Frank Panabaker, an artist who made his home in the Hamilton area for most of his life, also enjoyed a considerable international reputation for his paintings of the Canadian landscape. Frank Panabaker was a member of the Allied Artists of America, one of a handful of Canadians ever to be elected to the group, an associate member of the Royal Canadian Academy, and a member of the board of trustees for the National Gallery in Ottawa for six years. Much of his subject matter was local scenes in and around Ancaster, the Dundas valley and marsh, and of course, Hamilton. From the royal yacht Britannia in Hamilton Harbour, to the Hamilton Farmers' Market, the Tiger Cats and Gore Park, Frank Panabaker documented the life and times of the Steel City from the 1940's to through to the 1990's. He painted up until the last week of his life, dying in his 88th year in 1992. In 1996, Frank Panabaker was inducted into the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction.

Sincerely,

Laura Subonovich
Principal