

DATE: June 22, 2021

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Recognition of School Name Honouree

ORIGINATOR: Kathy Muhlethaler, Assistant Superintendent

RESOURCE

STAFF: Kim Holowatuk, Carrie Rosa, Carla Stolte, Christopher Wright

REFERENCE: [Board Policy EA.BP](#) – Infrastructure Planning Principles
[Administrative Regulation EF.AR](#) – Naming of Schools

ISSUE

To formally acknowledge the school name honouree for the Keswick K-9 school and share an additional process to rename Dan Knott School.

BACKGROUND

In March 2021, the Division accepted submissions from the public suggesting names for the new Keswick K-9 school and the renaming of Dan Knott School. The Oliver community is currently working with the City of Edmonton on a process to rename their community; therefore, the opportunity to rename Oliver School will be postponed until their process is complete.

During the process in March, several Dan Knott School students, staff and community members suggested that an Indigenous term replace the name for Dan Knott School. It is important to engage with the Indigenous community in a meaningful way before selecting such a term.

At a Caucus Committee meeting on June 8, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the following:

- 1. A process to choose an Indigenous term for renaming Dan Knott school be initiated.**
- 2. Joey Moss School be approved as the name of the new school being built in the Keswick neighbourhood.**

CURRENT SITUATION

At the June 22, 2021, Board Meeting, the Board Chair will acknowledge the honouree's family representatives in attendance. Expected guests are:

- The family of Joey Moss

In addition, the Board Chair will share that a process will be initiated to select an Indigenous term for Dan Knott School. The Division will reach out to Indigenous leaders in September 2021 to design an engagement to include members of the Indigenous community, students, staff, parents and community members. This engagement is anticipated to take place in November 2021, following any COVID-19 restrictions that may remain in place. Stakeholders will be informed about opportunities to participate once engagement planning is complete.

KEY POINTS

- The family of Joey Moss will be invited to participate in the Board meeting that will recognize their honouree.

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