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To all Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1) families:

Re: Naming our New School

Work is well underway on our new school on 51A Avenue, the site where École J.H. Sissons stood from 1975 until its closing in June, 2020.

The Board of Trustees will be selecting a name for our new school. We expect the process will wrap up with a name chosen and announced early in 2022. A committee of current Sissons staff and community members has been asked to forward recommended names to the Board. This committee is reaching out to all members of the entire community regardless of their connection with the former school.

Schools are an integral part of the fabric of our community. School names are symbols of what the community stands for and values. In turn, students begin to identify as a community under their school's name.

We are engaging in a process that was thoughtfully designed to hear directly from the community and Indigenous governments on whose land the school is located. We want a name that aligns with our core values and our commitment to reconciliation.

The involvement of our community members is essential. We are asking for you to provide your suggestions to the committee for a school name and the values you feel should be represented by it. You can share your thoughts with us either by visiting [our survey](#), or by emailing your ideas directly to jhs@yk1.nt.ca. We are also asking for your help in spreading the word about our effort to find a name for our school.

Sincerely,

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I respectfully acknowledge that I live and work on chief Drygeese Territory in the Akaitcho region, the traditional territory of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.