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Dear parents, guardians/caregivers, staff and students,

Over the course of this school year, we have been sharing information with you about the process to rename Queen Victoria Public School.

We are pleased to inform you that at the regular Board Meeting held last night, the Board of Trustees voted in favour of renaming Queen Victoria Public School, Dr. Rita Cox - Kina Minogok Public School. The School Naming Committee, in an act of solidarity, recommended merging the two names, Dr. Rita Cox Public School and Kina Minogok (All Things Grow Well Together).

The name was chosen after months of consultation work with the Committee composed of students, staff, parents/guardians, members of the Black Student Success Committee, the Student Leadership Team, Queen Victoria school council members and Parkdale community members.

As you know, the suggestion to rename the school was brought forward to the Board of Trustees in May 2021 and the process was guided by TDSB policy and procedure (P047 and PR592). In December, the School Naming Committee launched a call for submissions for potential new names to replace Queen Victoria PS. More than 150 names were submitted by the community for consideration and a shortlist was presented for feedback to the community during a town hall in February 2022.

We want to thank each one of you for your participation and interest in the renaming process, including those who came to the town hall to advocate for their choice of a new name. Your dedication to ensuring the new name reflects the values of the school and the broader community has been a learning experience for all involved.

We acknowledge that although the proposed name is worthy of celebration, we also recognize that major fundamental changes to curriculum and culture are required to bring about the desired outcomes. Our sustained growth depends on the continued engagement in the learning and listening that began this name change.

We look forward to continuing this work with the school community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Debbie Donsky
Superintendent of Education, LN19

Ms. Darlene Jones
Principal, Dr Rita Cox – Kinaa Minogok Public School

