



Friday December 17, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

Last spring, we shared exciting information with you about Queen Victoria Public School beginning a school renaming process.

I'm pleased to inform you that the community input portion of the process has begun. As of today, the school community will have the opportunity to submit suggestions for a new name. The renaming of Queen Victoria PS is a great learning opportunity for students and a chance for the school community to choose a name that reflects the contemporary values of the neighbourhood and the TDSB.

The idea for a name change was initially brought forward following a request from parents on behalf of the school community, which was then approved by the Board of Trustees in May 2021. Part of this process includes the establishment of a School Renaming Committee composed of students, staff, parents/guardians, members of the Black Student Success Committee, QV school council members and Parkdale community members, who will review the submitted names and select one name that it will recommend to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

The deadline to submit a name for consideration is Friday, January 21, 2022. The submitted name must adhere to the criteria set out by the School Renaming Committee, which can be found below. To submit a suggested name, please fill out this [Google form](#).

For more information about the process, projected timelines and how you can get involved in this exciting process, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/qvpsrenaming](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/qvpsrenaming).

We look forward to working with the school community throughout this process.

If you have any questions or comments, please email them to [QVPSRenaming@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:QVPSRenaming@tdsb.on.ca)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Donsky'.

Debbie Donsky  
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### Criteria for Names

The school renaming committee will be reviewing the submitted names, which must adhere to the criteria listed below. Submissions can be based on a **combination** of the of the following criteria:

- I. Honours Indigenous Peoples and those who self-identify as Black and/or racialized.
- II. Reflects the school's commitment to social justice, equity, anti-oppression and antiracism.
- III. Commemorates the rich history of the local Parkdale community.
- IV. Reflects the strengths, diversity and positive characteristics of the Parkdale community of today.
- V. Exemplifies integrity, leadership and community contribution at a local, district, provincial, Canadian or international level.

**Please note:** The names of local, provincial, national or international politicians who are currently in office will be excluded from consideration.

