

REPORT

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RE-NAMING OF
Sir John A Macdonald High School

December 4, 2020

[Updated: January 25, 2021]

Purpose

Our priority and purpose with the renaming of our school is to create an environment of safety and authentic inclusion for every single student. The historical facts highlight Sir John A Macdonald's extreme violence inflicted on the Indigenous peoples of Canada. Understanding the on-going effects of the Indian Act and Intergenerational trauma, we as a people need to make sure our future generations feel equal and protected. Our school must be a safe space for all, but a school bearing this name alienates Indigenous students. Students, families and community members have confided in me that having the name Sir John A Macdonald prevents them from participating in school spirit events and feel excluded as a member of the school community.

RECOMMENDATION PROCESS

Our current SAC is the main consultant team for recommendations and approval of process. A sub-committee will be the lead team.

Sub Committee Members

- Darlene Fitzgerald – Principal
- Ryan Connors – Vice Principal
- Amy Bradbury – SAC Chair/Parent
- Angela Faulkner - Mi'kmaq/Indigenous Student Support
- Iowa Firth /Grace Alberts: Co-presidents - Students

For us to consider for SJA

- Community concerns about the name were brought to the school's and HREC's attention.
- We began the process at our first SAC meeting, October 15, 2020 – 100% of all persons present were asked whether they would like to engage in the school re-naming process.
- A unanimous vote for engaging in the school re-naming process – October 15, 2020.
- Created a sub-committee team – five members, plus Principal.
- Created a google form for name submissions including criteria from the HRCE policy for Re-Naming Schools. **See Form A (See Attached)**
- Create an education piece – Video and power point with voice for community, families, students and staff to view and consider for the name change
- Sent out invitation letter from the Principal for community, families, students and staff to submit a new name **See Form B (See Attached)**

Communication Plan – How we engaged the community

November 12, 2020	Invitation letter sent out to all school community. Opening date for submissions to be received
November 26, 2020	Closing date for submissions to be received
November 30, 2020	Lead Team/Transition committee review submissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussed criteria from HRCE Re-naming a school. ➤ Based on authentic inclusion for all students, the team agreed that persons names submitted would not be considered for final vote. Also the decision was made based on HRCE policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1.3.1 Schools may be given a name that reflects the geographic location or the local community in which the school is located; ➤ <u>See Appendix B for meeting minutes/process (Page 20)</u>
December 2, 2020	Lead Team/Transition committee meet with SAC to consider names and offer suggestions to make a final decision of the top five for final vote by students and staff.
December 4, 2020	Students and staff during “C” block will vote for the top three out of Five to forward to the HRCE as the final three recommendations.
December 7, 2020	Report with recommendation forwarded to the Halifax Regional Director of HRCE.

Submission Procedures

All submissions were:

- In google - electronic form
- Includes the contributor’s name and identify whether the contributor was a student, staff member, parent, or community member
- Clearly identify the suggested name of the school
- Include a short rationale for the suggested name
- Postal code – [*Rationale for Inclusion of Postal Code Query: When originally created, the idea to include the postal code query on our Google Form was two-fold: first, to see if the contributor was part of our catchment area and/or community and second, to avoid asking specifically for a mailing address. We were purely curious to see if the suggestions were coming from our community, province, country, or beyond. When the sub-committee met to begin the process of vetting names, we did not review the postal codes for the names we were eliminating (based on the criteria outlined in our report). Once we were down to the final five names (being sent to staff and students) we did check to see if the names came from our community. All came from our catchment area. We conducted this search via google maps. This was done purely out of curiosity. **At no time did we eliminate any entry because of the postal code that was attached.** We did not receive any complaints related to the postal code query. We recognized, as we vetted all the names, that a postal code doesn’t determine who is part of our community*]

so, as a group, we decided that our focus would be on finding an inclusive name from what was received. As such, the postal code query became irrelevant after that fact.]

- **See Form A (Attached)**

Communication

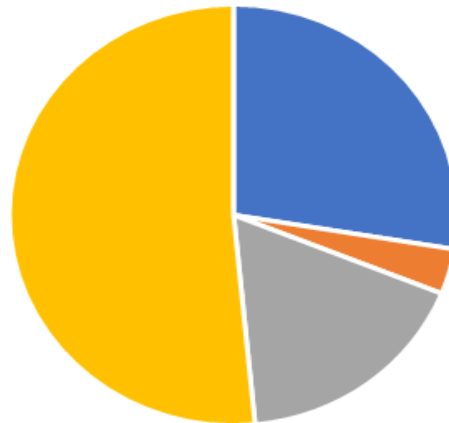
The SJA school community was advised of the re-naming timelines and procedures through:

- SwiftReach SwiftK12 – home alert message
- A link we sent to all of our feeder schools/Principals.
- Our school sign
- Twitter/Facebook
- School Website
- Several media exposures (Local News Papers; Media – local and National)
– A list of these exposures can be found in the links included in **Appendix C**.

Results

All submissions with school community identification (Community, family, students or staff)

Renaming our School



■ Student responses ■ Staff responses
■ Parent/Guardian responses ■ Community Member responses

Responses by group	
Student Responses	127
Staff Responses	16
Parent/Guardian Responses	80
Community Member Responses	237
Total Responses	460

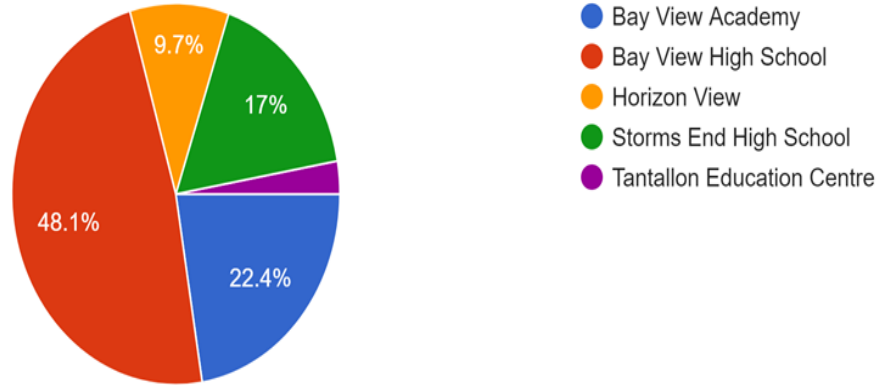
The Five remaining names for Students and Staff to Vote:

1. Bay View Academy
2. Bay View High School
3. Horizon View: High School or Academy
4. Storms End High School
5. Tantallon Education Centre

Final Student and Staff Results

I would like our school's new name to be:

718 responses



Breakdown of Names by Responder Group – See Appendix A (Page 6)

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Bay View High School**
- 2. Bay View Academy**
- 3. Storms End High School**

We respectfully submit the report with the recommendations for consideration to the HRCE.

Transition Committee Co-Chair

Vice Principal

Appendix A

Breakdown by responder group

902 high	Student
Agnes Macphail	Student
Alasenmat High School	Student
Aqua Phoenix High	Student
Atomic (it has an A you can keep the logo)	Student
Bay view Academy	Student
Bay View High School	Student
Bayview High School	Student
Bayview High School	Student
Bayview High School	Student
Bayview Highschool	Student
Choppa Legge Memorial HighSchool	Student
Donald Marshall Jr. High	Student
Dylan Webb High School	Student
East Coast High School	Student
Flames High School	Student
Frankie MacDonald high	Student
Frankie MacDonald High School	Student
Frankie Macdonald High School	Student
Full Send High	Student
Gibbon High School	Student
halifax reginal high school	Student
Haliwood	Student
Hick high	Student
Hubley Mill high school Or Hubley Mill lake high school	Student
I dont know I'm fine with whatever	Student
I have chosen Sipekne'katik high.	Student
Jaden Robinson high	Student
Jaden Robinson Memorial High School	Student
Jaden Robinson memorial High School	Student
Jaden Robinson Memorial High School	Student
Jadon Robinson	Student
Jadon Robinson high (JRH)	Student
Jadon Robinson High School	Student
Jadon Robinson Memorial	Student
Jadon Robinson Memorial	Student
Jadon Robinson Memorial High	Student
Jadon Robinson Memorial High	Student

Jadon Robinson Memorial High	Student
Jadon Robinson Memorial High	Student
Jadon Robinson Memorial High School	Student
Jadon robinson memorial high school	Student
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Jadon robinson memorial high school	Student
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Jadon Robinson memorial Highschool	Student
Jadon Robinson Memorial Highschool	Student
Jeffrey Elewa High	Student
Jeffrey Elewa HighSchool	Student
Jennifer Casey HighSchool	Student
Jim Lahey High School	Student
John A	Student
John Boutilier High School	Student
John Dunsworth High School (JDHS)	Student
kjipuktuk high	Student
Maddy don Risser jr high	Student
Marinel Pulan	Student
martin deleon High school. M.Deleon high or MDHS	Student
Mayflower High School	Student
McMaster Academy	Student
McMaster high school	Student
Mo Dahrab High	Student
Mo dahrab high school	Student
Mo Dahrab Highschool	Student
Morab Munchers	Student
Oceanview High School	Student
Paula Gallant high school	Student
Rita Joe High School	Student
Rory ward high school	Student
Saint Margarets Bay High School	Student
Scholars High School	Student
Sipekne'katik	Student
Sir filly high	Student
sir john a	Student
Sir John A Macdonald	Student

Sir John A MacDonald	Student
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Sir John a Macdonald high	Student
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Sir John A. Macdonald	Student
South Halifax High school	Student
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St. Margarets Bay High	Student
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Sue McMaster High School	Student
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Sue Mcmaster High School	Student
Sue Mcmaster high school / Sue Mcmaster flames	Student
Sue McMaster highschool	Student
Tantallon High	Student
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Tantallon high school	Student
Tantallon high School	Student
Tantallon High School	Student
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tantallon highs school	Student
902 rock (The)	Student
902 Rock (The)	Student
The Bay	Student
Upper Tantallon High School	Student
Upper Tantallon Highschool	Student
Vincent Coleman Highschool	Student
Viola Desmond High School	Student
Viola Desmond high school	Student
WAM high	Student
Wenjack High	Student
wenjack memorial high	Student
Westwood heights highschool, East Atlantic highschool, Scholars Highschool	Student

William Estabrooks High School	Student
William Hall	Student
127 Student responses	

Alasenmat High School	Staff
Bay View Academy	Staff
Bay View Academy	Staff
Bay View High	Staff
Bay View high	Staff
Bay View High	Staff
Bay View High School	Staff
Bayside High	Staff
Bayview High	Staff
Bayview High School	Staff
Elsie (Charles) Basque High School	Staff
Golden Flames High School / Golden View High Schoo	Staff
Horizon View	Staff
St. Jane Aguinaga	Staff
Storms End High School	Staff
William "Bill" Estabrooks High School	Staff
16 Staff responses	

Aspotogan Senior High School	Parent/Guardian
Bay Area Education Center. Home if the blazing Flames.	Parent/Guardian
Bay High	Parent/Guardian
Bay High	Parent/Guardian
Bay View High School	Parent/Guardian
Bay View High School	Parent/Guardian
Bay Vista	Parent/Guardian
Bayview	Parent/Guardian
Bayview High School	Parent/Guardian
Bayview High School	Parent/Guardian
Bayview High School	Parent/Guardian
Bayview Highschool	Parent/Guardian
Bayview or Bayside High School	Parent/Guardian
Bill Estabrooks High	Parent/Guardian
BLT Secondary	Parent/Guardian
Chebucto High School	Parent/Guardian
Donald H Oliver High	Parent/Guardian
Donald Marshal High School	Parent/Guardian
Estabrook High	Parent/Guardian

EstaBrook High School	Parent/Guardian
Grand Chief John Denny Jr. High School	Parent/Guardian
I think it would be great to create a name including the Mi'kmaq words for either "beside the shore" (Tajiga'q); "ocean" (Gta'n); or "rise" in reference to tide (Pempa'q).	Parent/Guardian
Jaden Robinson Memorial High School	Parent/Guardian
Jadon Robinson Memorial High School	Parent/Guardian
Jadon Robinson Memorial High School	Parent/Guardian
Jadon Robinson Memorial High School	Parent/Guardian
Jerry Lawrence High School or G. A. Lawrence High School	Parent/Guardian
Kjipanu'pek [High School] / Great Bay High School / Ecole Grande Baie	Parent/Guardian
Kjipanu'pek High School / Regional Academy	Parent/Guardian
Maud Lewis Secondary School	Parent/Guardian
McMaster High School	Parent/Guardian
Oceanview High School	Parent/Guardian
Pjila'si High school	Parent/Guardian
Samuel Glode High School	Parent/Guardian
Schooly McSchool Face	Parent/Guardian
Sir John A MacDonald	Parent/Guardian
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Sir John A Macdonald's	Parent/Guardian
Sir John A. Macdonald high or John A macdonald	Parent/Guardian
St Margaret's Bay High School	Parent/Guardian
St Margaret's Bay High school	Parent/Guardian
St. Margaret's Bay High School	Parent/Guardian
St. Margaret's Bay High School	Parent/Guardian
St. Margaret's Bay Highschool	Parent/Guardian
St. Margaret's Bay High School	Parent/Guardian
St. Margaret's Bay Highschool	Parent/Guardian
Station 65 Flames	Parent/Guardian
Station 65 High School	Parent/Guardian
Talon High	Parent/Guardian
Tantallon Flames High	Parent/Guardian

Tantallon High	Parent/Guardian
Tantallon High	Parent/Guardian
Tantallon High School	Parent/Guardian
Tantallon High School	Parent/Guardian
Tantallon High School	Parent/Guardian
Tantallon High School / TASA High	Parent/Guardian
Tantallon Regional High School	Parent/Guardian
Tantallon Regional High School	Parent/Guardian
Tantallon Senior High School	Parent/Guardian
Tantallon High school	Parent/Guardian
Terrance Stanley Fox	Parent/Guardian
Trebek High School (or Alex Trebek High School)	Parent/Guardian
Upper Tantallon High School	Parent/Guardian
Upper Tantallon High School	Parent/Guardian
Viola Desmond	Parent/Guardian
Viola Desmond High	Parent/Guardian
Viola Desmond High School	Parent/Guardian
William Estabrooks High School	Parent/Guardian
William Hall VC High School	Parent/Guardian
80 Parent/Guardian responses	

A name meaningful to the Mi'kmaq Nation from this area, the Segepenegatig Peoples.	Community Member
A. Grant Smith	Community Member
Advocate High	Community Member
Alex Trebek high school	Community Member
Bayside High	Community Member
Bayview High	Community Member
Bayview High School	Community Member
Bayview High School	Community Member
Bayview Highschool	Community Member
Benedict Arnold High School	Community Member
Bill Estabrooks High School	Community Member
Bill Esterbrooks	Community Member
BILL Estrabrook Memorial High School	Community Member
Bill Estrabrooks	Community Member
Cale Blake Conrad High	Community Member
Chanie "Charlie" Wenjack	Community Member
Crossroads High School	Community Member
Edward Cornwallis High school	Community Member
Ferda boys high	Community Member
George Floyd High	Community Member
George the Cat	Community Member
Hammonds Plains Rd. High School	Community Member

Heidi Stevenson High School	Community Member
Heidi Stevenson High School	Community Member
Heidi Stevenson High School	Community Member
Heritage High School	Community Member
Hubley High School	Community Member
Iona Stoddard highschool	Community Member
J. W. Kennedy	Community Member
Jadan Robinson Memorial High School	Community Member
Jaden Robinson memorial high	Community Member
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Jadon Robinson memorial school	Community Member
Jadon Robison memorial high school	Community Member
James Robinson Johnson High School	Community Member
Jason Robinson Memorial	Community Member
Jason Robinson Memorial High School	Community Member
Jason Robinson memorial highschool	Community Member
Jason Robinson Memorial HighSchool	Community Member
John A high school.	Community Member
John A... don't change it.	Community Member
John Dunsworth High School	Community Member
Kjipanu'pek High School	Community Member
Kjipanu'pek High School	Community Member
Legacy High School	Community Member
Membertou	Community Member
Osprey High or Blue Heron High	Community Member
Pop Smoke high	Community Member

Prospect-St Margaret's Bay High School	Community Member
Recardos High	Community Member
Resilience High	Community Member
Saint Margaret's bay high	Community Member
Saint Margaret's High	Community Member
Saint Margrets Bay High School	Community Member
Schooly McSchoolface	Community Member
Sir John A Macdonald	Community Member
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Sir John A. MacDonald	Community Member
Sir John A Macdonald High School	Community Member
Sir John A. Macdonald High School	Community Member
Sir John A. MacDonald High School (2)	Community Member
SJA	Community Member
St Margaret's Bay High	Community Member
St. Margaret's Bay High School	Community Member
St. Margaret's Bay High School	Community Member
St. Margaret's Bay High	Community Member
St. Margaret's Bay High	Community Member
St. Margarets Bay High School	Community Member
St. Margaret's Bay High School	Community Member
St. Margaret's Bay High School	Community Member
St. Margaret's Bay High School	Community Member
St. Margaret's Bay High School (SMBH)	Community Member

St. Margrets Bay High School	Community Member
Strang High School	Community Member
Sue McMaster	Community Member
Sue McMaster High School	Community Member
Sue McMaster High School	Community Member
Sue McMaster High School	Community Member
Tant High	Community Member
Tantallon District High School	Community Member
Tantallon Education Centre	Community Member
Tantallon High School	Community Member
Tantallon High School	Community Member
Tantallon High School	Community Member
Tantallon High School	Community Member
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Tantallon High School	Community Member
Tantallon High School	Community Member
Tantallon high School	Community Member
Tantallon High School	Community Member
Tantallon High School	Community Member
Tantallon High School or Oceanview High School	Community Member
Tantallon Regional High School	Community Member
Tantallon Senior High	Community Member
Terry Fox Centre for Community Excellence	Community Member
Terry Fox Memorial High School	Community Member
The Bay	Community Member
Upper Tantallon High School	Community Member
Upper Tantallon High School	Community Member
Upper Tantallon High School	Community Member
Veteran's Memorial High School or Sea View High School	Community Member
Viola Desmond	Community Member
Viola Desmond High	Community Member
Viola Desmond High School	Community Member
Viola Desmond High School	Community Member
W I Estabrooks High School	Community Member
Wanda Thomas Bernard	Community Member
William Estabrooks High School	Community Member
William Esterbrook	Community Member
William Pearly Oliver High	Community Member
Wimhip high school	Community Member
Woke Jellyfish High School	Community Member
237 Community member responses	

of submissions per name

Suggested Name	# of submissions
902 high	1
902 Rock (The)	2
A name meaningful to the Mi'kmaq Nation from this area, the Segepenegatig Peoples.	1
A. Grant Smith	1
Advocate High	1
Agnes Macphail	1
Alasenmat High School	2
Alex Trebek high school	1
Aqua Phoenix High	1
Aspotogan Senior High School	1
Atomic (it has an A you can keep the logo)	1
Bay (The)	2
Bay Area Education Center. Home if the blazing Flames.	1
Bay High	2
Bay View Academy	3
Bay View High School	7
Bay Vista	1
Bayside High	2
Bayview High School	16
Benedict Arnold High School	1
Bill Estabrooks High School	4
BILL Estrabrook Memorial High School	1
BLT Secondary	1
Cale Blake Conrad High	1
Chanie "Charlie" Wenjack	1
Chebucto High School	1
Choppa Legge Memorial High School	1
Crossroads High School	1
Donald H Oliver High	1
Donald Marshal High School	1
Donald Marshall Jr. High	1
Dylan Webb High School	1
East Coast High School	1
Edward Cornwallis High school	1
Elsie (Charles) Basque High School	1
EstaBrook High School	2
Ferda boys high	1
Flames High School	1
Frankie Macdonald High School	3
Full Send High	1
George Floyd High	1
George the Cat	1

Gibbon High School	1
Golden Flames High School/Golden View High School	1
Grand Chief John Denny Jr. High School	1
halifax reginal high school	1
Haliwood	1
Hammonds Plains Rd. High Schook	1
Heidi Stevenson High School	3
Heritage High School	1
Hick high	1
Horizon View	1
Hubley High School	1
Hubley Mill high school Or Hubley Mill lake high school	1
I dont know I'm fine with whatever	1
I think it would be great to create a name including the Mi'kmaq words for either "beside the shore" (Tajiga'q); "ocean" (Gta'n); or "rise" in reference to tide (Pempa'q).	1
Iona Stoddard highschool	1
J. W. Kennedy	1
Jadon Robinson High School	5
Jadon Robinson Memorial High School	140
Jeffrey Elewa HighSchool	2
Jennifer Casey HighSchool	1
Jerry Lawrence High School or G. A. Lawrence High School	1
Jim Lahey High School	1
John A high school.	2
John Boutilier High School	1
John Dunsworth High School	2
Kjipanu'pek High School / Regional Academy	4
kjipuktuk high	1
Legacy High School	1
Maddy don Risser jr high	1
Marinel Pulan	1
martin deleon High school. M.Deleon high or MDHS	1
Maud Lewis Secondary School	1
Mayflower High School	1
McMaster Academy	1
McMaster High School	2
Membertou	1
Mo Dahrab Highschool	3
Morab Munchers	1
Oceanview High School	2
Osprey High or Blue Heron High	1
Paula Gallant high school	1
Pjila'si High school	1
Pop Smoke high	1

Prospect-St Margaret's Bay High School	1
Recardos High	1
Resilience High	1
Rita Joe High School	1
Rory ward high school	1
Samuel Glode High School	1
Scholars High School	1
Schooly McSchool Face	2
Sipekne'katik high.	2
Sir filly high	1
Sir John A MacDonald High School	54
SJA	1
South Halifax High school	1
St. Jane Aguinaga	1
St. Margaret's Bay High School	23
Station 65 Flames	1
Station 65 High School	1
Storms End High School	1
Stracy A high school	1
Stracy high	1
Strang High School	1
Sue McMaster High School	12
Talon High	1
Tant High	1
Tantallon District High School	1
Tantallon Education Centre	1
Tantallon Flames High	1
Tantallon High School	28
Tantallon Regional High School	3
Tantallon Senior High School	2
Terrance Stanley Fox	1
Terry Fox Centre for Community Excellence	1
Terry Fox Memorial High School	1
Trebek High School (or Alex Trebek High School)	1
Upper Tantallon High School	7
Veteran's Memorial High School or Sea View High School	1
Vincent Coleman Highschool	1
Viola Desmond High School	10
W I Estabrooks High School	1
WAM high	1
Wanda Thomas Bernard	1
wenjack memorial high	2
Westwood heights highschool, East Atlantic highschool, Scholars Highschool	1

William Estabrooks High School	5
William Hall	1
William Hall VC High School	1
William Pearly Oliver High	1
Wimhip high school	1
Woke Jellyfish High School	1
Total responses	460

Appendix B

November 27, 2020 – Lead Team/Transition Committee Review of Submitted Names

In Attendance: D. Fitzgerald, R. Connors, A. Bradbury, A. Faulkner, I. Firth, G. Alberts

Our two-week submission process yielded 460 responses.

Our committee discussed whether we would be considering submissions, which were that of people’s names. After a lengthy discussion, our committee voted unanimously to not include submissions, which proposed a person’s name. This was done in the spirit of authentic inclusivity. Our reasoning was three-fold:

1. We believe that no one person could encompass all our school’s diversity.
2. We were concerned, based on the number of entries of people’s names, that the vetting process would not be effective in ensuring authentic inclusivity.
3. Also the decision was made based on HRCE policy: 1.3.1 Schools may be given a name that reflects the geographic location or the local community in which the school is located;

Once these submissions were eliminated, we then focused on submissions that were made in jest (i.e. – Schooly McSchool Face, 902 Rock, etc.). Upon removal of these submissions, we were left with 36 entries.

Following these eliminations, we then removed names, which were not unique to schools in the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (i.e. – BLT Senior High, East Coast High, Oceanview High, etc.).

Each committee member was then tasked with selecting his or her top 10 names from the list remaining. After completion of this task, we ran through the remaining 24 names and recorded the number of votes each received from our 6-person committee. Our goal was to dwindle our number down to 10 remaining names. Following our vote, 11 names had received votes. The 13 other names were eliminated.

We then discussed the remaining 11 names with a goal of narrowing to 10 names or less for which to send to our SAC and then, ultimately, to our students/staff for our school-wide vote. As we vetted these names we did so in the way of removing any name that could be misconstrued, in which the abbreviation could seem offensive, and finally

through the lens of possible marginalization of any persons or groups. Upon completion, we were left with five names, which we will present to our SAC on December 2, 2020.

The Five remaining names are:

4. Bay View Academy
5. Bay View High School
6. Horizon View High School
7. Storms End High School
8. Tantallon Education Centre

If approved by SAC, we will forward these names to our students and staff for a vote on 04 December 2020. The top-3 vote getters from the 04 December vote will be forwarded to our Regional Executive Director.

Appendix C

The media exposures can be found at the following links:

Global News:

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7458765/sir-john-a-macdonald-high-school-n-s-name-change/>

CBC:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/john-macdonald-high-school-renamed-1.5800111>

Halifax Today:

<https://www.halifaxtoday.ca/local-news/sir-john-a-macdonald-high-school-near-halifax-changing-its-name-to-be-more-inclusive-2874255>

Chronicle Herald:

<https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/local/sir-john-a-macdonald-high-school-in-upper-tantallon-looks-to-change-name-519866/>

National Post:

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/sir-john-a-macdonald-high-school-near-halifax-changing-its-name-to-be-more-inclusive>

Globe and Mail:

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-sir-john-a-macdonald-high-school-in-nova-scotia-to-change-name/>

Toronto Star:

<https://www.thestar.com/politics/2020/11/12/sir-john-a-macdonald-high-school-near-halifax-changing-its-name-to-be-more-inclusive.html>

The Signal:

<https://signalhfx.ca/hrm-high-school-dropping-sir-john-a-macdonald-name/>