



# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **DSBN readies schools for students**

The District School Board of Niagara is investing millions of dollars this summer getting ready for students. Along with regular maintenance such as polishing floors, and painting, the DSBN is upgrading and enhancing student learning spaces across Niagara. New roofs are going on nine high schools and eight elementary schools. Students will notice new gym floors at Lakeport, E.L. Crossley, and Laura Secord Secondary Schools and renovations to a science lab at Eastdale. Expect to see new windows at Port Colborne High School, Eastdale Secondary, Oakridge, and Laura Secord Secondary. Students won't see, but feel the effects of the new heating system upgrades at Eastdale Secondary, Glynn A. Green, Oakwood, Princess Elizabeth, Kernahan Park Secondary, Laura Secord Secondary, Briardale, Heximer Avenue, and Cherrywood Acres. Things will be brighter at Kernahan Park Secondary, Carleton, and Prince of Wales (Thorold) with electrical updating including new lighting, ceilings and fire alarm systems.

St. Catharines Collegiate is undergoing the first of \$9 million in planned upgrades to refurbish the 84 year-old school. New landscaping and ramps for accessibility are being added to the front entrance. Additional work includes paving and water main replacement, new ceilings, painting, heating, lighting, fire alarm and emergency systems upgrades. The plans also include improvements to the auditorium with a planned completion in the Fall of 2007.

Elementary schools in the Town of Grimsby are in the midst of construction. Park Public School is undergoing architectural restoration to the exterior, mechanical and electrical upgrades, as well as new paving, floors, ceilings, washrooms, and paint. At Nelles Public School construction has begun on the \$2.7 million addition that includes 5 classrooms, learning resources room, staffroom, and a 49 space child care centre.

At Fort Erie Secondary School, the finishing touches are being put on the renovations to the Kitchen and Cafeteria. The \$400,000 renovation will result in enhanced learning facilities for the school's Food Services Program.

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