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TRUSTEES APPROVE PARKING LOT EXPANSION AT ST. PATRICK'S UNDER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BLUEWATER HEALTH

Trustees with the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have approved a \$508,699 contract award to Wicks Construction and General Contracting of Point Edward, for the addition of 149 parking spaces at St. Patrick's Catholic High School. The cost of the project will be paid by Bluewater Health, under the terms of a lease agreement with the Board.

The contract calls for a 62,000 sq. ft. green space located to the south of the existing parking lot to be converted to additional parking spaces, resulting in a total of 377 spaces, up from 228. This is in addition to 50 existing parking spaces, which are located immediately adjacent to the St. Patrick's school building. The project will also include an expansion of the Norman Street parking lot entrance to accommodate two-way traffic. In addition, lighting fixtures and the existing gate system will be upgraded.

The new spaces are required to accommodate an influx of additional students and staff during the temporary transitional year, when students from both Catholic high schools in Sarnia will be consolidated at the St. Patrick's campus, during construction at the site on The Rapids Parkway.

On September 1, 2014, when staff and students move to the newly expanded St. Patrick's Catholic High School on The Rapids Parkway, Bluewater Health will assume control of all 377 parking spaces for hospital staff and visitors.