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**It's not too late to register your support...
or submit a new suggestion**

**District 16 School Board progresses in
the search for the new K-3 elementary
school's name**

One month ago, the School Board of Spring Lake Park School District 16 invited residents to lend a hand in helping name the district's new 700-student capacity K-3 elementary school. The site of the new school is just south of 125th street, on Cloud Drive in Blaine. **Ground-breaking for the yet-to-be-named school in Blaine will take place on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 4:00 p.m.**



The School Board has been considering names, and will ultimately make the decision, but board members first wanted to hear suggestions from the Blaine, Spring Lake Park, and Fridley community.

The Board was pleased with the level of interest in the "help name the new school" request. **Over 80 names, most from the Board's request for voicemails and emails, were suggested by one or more persons.** As with any such request, the results reflect a wide range of thinking and creativity. The names are:

Chambers Elementary
 Cloud Creek Elementary
 Cloud Community Elementary
 Cloud Drive Elementary
 Cloud Garden Elementary
 Cloud Lakes Elementary
 Cloud Park Elementary
 Cloud Prairie Elementary
 Community Elementary
 David Haram Elementary
 Edward Knalson Elementary
 Fred Rogers Elementary
 Golden Elementary
 Greenberry Chambers Elementary
 Greenberry Elementary
 Harley Wells Elementary
 Heritage Elementary
 High Cloud Elementary
 Hubert Humphrey Elementary
 Infinity Elementary
 Kenneth Hall Elementary
 Knalson Hall Elementary
 Lakes Elementary
 Lakeside Elementary
 Lakeview Elementary
 Lake Park Elementary
 Lake Wood Elementary
 Learning Cloud Elementary

Major Elementary
 Marcus Elementary
 Martin Elementary
 Meadowlands Elementary
 Mondale Elementary
 New Horizons Elementary
 North Cloud Elementary
 Northcrest Elementary
 North Edge Elementary
 North Hall Elementary
 Northcrest Elementary
 Northern Oak Elementary
 Northpark Elementary
 Northpoint Elementary
 North Spring Elementary
 Northstar Elementary
 North Park Woods Elementary
 North Lake Park Elementary
 North Wood Park Elementary
 Northeast Elementary
 Northern Cloud Elementary
 Northern Lights Elementary
 Northern Star Elementary
 Northern View Elementary
 Northview Elementary
 Northwood Elementary
 Northwood Lakes Elementary
 Opportunity Elementary

Park North Elementary
 Park Ridge Elementary
 Parkview Elementary
 Parkway Elementary
 Park Woods Elementary
 Pioneer Lake Elementary
 Pioneer Park Elementary
 Pioneer Pond Elementary
 Prairie Cloud Elementary
 Pristine Elementary
 Radisson Elementary
 Radisson Lakes Elementary
 Radisson Road Elementary
 Ridgeview Elementary
 Ross Johnson Elementary
 Roy Wilkins Elementary
 Spring Elementary
 Spring Lake Park North Elementary
 Stan Kowalski Elementary
 Sunrise Elementary
 Sunrise Lake Elementary
 Susan B. Anthony Elementary
 Think Elementary
 Tom Lyon Elementary
 Voyageur Elementary
 Wilford Humrick Elementary
 Wellstone Elementary

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At the Board's most recent meeting, an April 28 work session, an initial discussion of names for the new school took place. An informal straw poll produced no frontrunners at this point. With two of the Board's seven members unable to attend the work session, and the realization that the final decision is a bit daunting and still at least a month a way if not more, the Board will continue its discussions about a name at future meetings.

With a more relaxed timeline, community input will be sought for a second time.

To endorse one of the names already submitted, to propose a variation of one of these names, or to offer a totally new idea for a name, anyone can do so by leaving a voicemail message at 763-795-5195 or by emailing NameTheNewSchool@district16.org.

The deadline is Monday, May 14, 2007.

Spring Lake Park School District 16 serves 4,500 students in Blaine, Spring Lake Park, and Fridley and its enrollment is growing. The school district has launched its four-year Facilities Improvement Plan to significantly upgrade all school facilities, with construction occurring at all sites this summer.

New school construction will begin this summer with an opening scheduled for the start of the 2008-09 school year. For Facilities Improvement Plan updates, and details and drawings of the school, visit www.springlakeparkschools.org.