

**ELECTORS' MEETING, REGINA PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION  
FEBRUARY 28 2018  
MOTION: CHANGE THE NAME OF DAVIN SCHOOL**

Whereas Davin School, in the Crescents neighbourhood in Regina, is named after Nicholas Flood Davin, orator, politician, journalist, and founder of the newspaper that became the *Leader-Post*;

And whereas these are not Davin's only legacy, as Davin was also the author of the 1879 *Report on Industrial Schools for Indians and Half-Breeds*, today known as the "Davin Report"—a report that urged the government of John A. Macdonald to establish residential schools in Canada and provided a plan for them;

And whereas Davin's only contribution to education is the Davin Report;

And whereas the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) on Canada's Residential Schools highlights the central role of the Davin Report in laying the groundwork for the residential school system;

And whereas the TRC concluded that the residential school system resulted in "cultural genocide" and the deaths of at least 6,000 Indigenous children;

And whereas the renaming of a school commemorating a man who laid the groundwork for the genocidal residential school system should not be controversial;

Therefore be it resolved that, by the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, the Regina Public School Board change the name of Davin School and place a plaque by the front door explaining the reason for the name change—in other words, explaining Davin's other legacy.