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Central School to relocate to former GSS this fall

DSBN claimed GSS, like South Lincoln, had to close due to costly repairs needed

**By Mike Williscraft
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A building which the District School Board of Niagara deemed too costly to maintain for students in 2016 will be the new home for Central Public School for Fall 2024.

The decision was made at the DSBN board meeting last Tuesday, March 26, confirming a recommen-

dation from its Program and Planning Committee.

At the March 5 PPC meeting, Stacy Veld, superintendent of business services and treasurer, tabled a motion noting several positive changes for Central students.

"This move will also provide the elementary students with an enlarged learning environment which

includes a double gym, theatre, enhanced learning commons, a larger outdoor space with a track as well as additional parking for staff and visitors and a dedicated space for buses," said Veld's report.

"By transitioning students to this location, the DSBN will be able to support the municipality and continue to provide larger gym and

larger outdoor space for community groups."

Much of the reasoning for the move directly contradicts what was stated by DSBN officials during the Accommodation Review Committee process conducted in 2016-2017 that allowed public input on West Niagara high school closures.

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Easter fun

All kinds of Easter fun rolled out across Niagara West over the weekend and West Lincoln did not miss out. Selena Arsalides, 8, had fun with West Lincoln firefighters Madison Poirier and Zoli Rakonjac. For more coverage of West Lincoln's event, please turn to Page 14. McDonald - Photo

Grimsby DIA's autonomy gets Town consideration

**By Mike Williscraft
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Town of Grimsby's Corporate Services Committee (CSC) reviewed a staff report dealing with a request by the Town's Downtown Improvement Area board to separate financial and human resources matters from the municipality.

CSC met at noon on Tuesday, April 2 with its minutes going on the agenda for the full council meeting later that evening (after NewsNow's press deadline).

The staff report, filed by Grimsby's director of legislative services and town

clerk Victoria Steele outlined a lengthy series of ways town staff have attempted to work with the DIA since it was installed in January 2023.

"While Town Staff have always assisted with the local BIA, there has been a concerted effort over the past two years to help the BIA (commonly referred to as the DIA - Downtown Improvement Area) re-establish themselves during the current term of Council," said Steele in the report.

"The following departments have played a significant role in

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