As a school community, we began to discuss school name and mascot options with our students. At the onset, we took all brainstorming along with student reasoning for each. We began with about 5 different options or school names along with different mascots. Over the past few weeks, students have narrowed down the choices to two options, although they are really hoping for one(LAB).

Choice 1: Alternative Learning Center (ALC)

This choice has remained as one of the options as there is some connection to the name since we began the school year this way. Students and staff are used to ALC as it is currently our sense of belonging. This has stayed in our top two, but students have made it clear they are set to let it go. There is a feeling of a negative meaning if we stay with “alternative” in the name. Students want to be perceived in a positive way moving forward.

Choice 2: Lynx Academy of Bloomfield (LAB)

This choice is the consensus within our school community. We believe that LAB for short defines our learning community and allows us to be seen in a more positive light. We believe in our tagline of “Find your path, reach your potential”. At Lynx, we are committed to being connected as a link to the community and our schools as students may navigate through different programming. We are also linked to connecting students to services outside of school as needed. Our school mascot, the trail lynx, is a wild cat that uses its unique characteristics to thrive in its environment. For instance, it has long ears to focus on sound waves and enhance its hearing. It also has wide paws to help it navigate through deep snow. Although these attributes may be different from other animals, it uses them to its advantage to be successful in life. We believe this represents our students and staff at our school. We embrace each individual person along with their strengths and work to navigate towards success. The goal is to reach high school graduation and be prepared for what comes next. A successful future!