

News Release

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Subject: CDSBEO Signs Safety Protocols

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CDSBEO Signs Community Safety Protocols with Eastern Ontario Partners

Kemptville, ON – On Monday, October 17, 2011, the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario hosted four other eastern Ontario school boards, local police services, and other community partners for a signing ceremony for the Community Threat Assessment Protocol and the Police and School Board Protocol. The event was co-hosted by the CDSBEO and the Brockville Police Service.

The protocols help assess, respond to, and prevent violent incidents. The potential for violence in schools, as well as attacks worldwide, has resulted in an increase in concerns in our communities. This has made it necessary for schools and communities to develop formal procedures to assess high-risk and threat making behaviour. By doing so, the chances of over-reacting or under-reacting to an actual or potential violent situation is decreased.

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, stated, “The protocols were produced to help identify when our students need assistance. They are designed to decrease risk, prevent injuries, and support the individuals when warranted by the situation.”

“I offer all those involved in producing these documents my sincere congratulations,” added Mr. Gartland. “These documents are outstanding resources to help make our schools safe learning environments.”

Under the initiative, the CDSBEO will respond, with community partners, to student behaviours that may pose a potential risk for violence to those around them. The resulting early intervention by the school board, community partners, and their families, will reduce and manage school or community violence, and harm to self or others.

Board Chair, Ron Eamer, said the protocols reflect what students are being taught through their Catholic education. “Our new Board theme, *Shalom!*, encourages students to act justly, live peacefully and celebrate joyfully. Justice and peace are at the heart of these documents. I am very proud of the work done by our Board in helping to produce and implement these protocols.”

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Ronald Eamer
Board Chair

Wm. J. Gartland
Director of Education

The protocol is the result of a community effort by senior school board administration, board clinical staff, police, mental health partners, child protection agencies, probation and youth justice partners, and hospital emergency staff. All share the common goal of keeping our communities safe. The following is a listing of the agencies involved in the development of the documents:

School Boards

- Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario
- Upper Canada District School Board
- Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est Ontarien
- Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario
- Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est

Police

- Ontario Provincial Police
- Perth Police Service
- Smiths Falls Police Service
- Gananoque Police Service
- Brockville Police Service
- Cornwall Community Police Service

Community Agencies

- Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville
- Children's Aid Society of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
- Valoris for Children and Adults of Prescott-Russell
- Cornwall Community Hospital
- Children's Mental Health of Leeds and Grenville
- Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth
- RNJ Youth Services
- Laurencrest Youth Services Inc.
- Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Youth Justice Services

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The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario provides excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to more than 13,500 students in 40 elementary and 10 secondary schools across 8 eastern Ontario counties.

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Attached images:
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Pictured (left to right) are: Deputy Chief Bob Dowdall (Smiths Falls Police Department), Chief Pat Capello (Perth Police Service), Chief Dan Parkinson (Cornwall Community Police Service), Chief John Gardiner (Brockville Police Service), Acting Chief Supt. Carson Pardy (OPP), Director of Education Dave Thomas (UCDSB), Directeur de l'éducation Bernard Roy (CECCE), Directeur de l'éducation François Benoit (CEPEO), Directrice de l'éducation Céline Cadieux (CSDCEO), Associate Director of Education Gordon Greffe (CDSBEO). Chief Kai Liu of the Gananoque Police Service, and Chief Larry Hardy of the Smiths Falls Police Service were unable to attend.

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Back row (from left to right): Deputy Chief Bob Dowdall (Smiths Falls Police Department), Chief Pat Capello (Perth Police Service), Chief Dan Parkinson (Cornwall Community Police Service), Chief John Gardiner (Brockville Police Service), Acting Chief Supt. Carson Pardy (OPP), Director of Education Dave Thomas (UCDSB), Directeur de l'éducation Bernard Roy (CECCE), Directeur de l'éducation François Benoit (CEPEO), Associate Director of Education Gordon Greffe (CDSBEO), Directrice de l'éducation Céline Cadieux (CSDCEO), Director of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response, Kevin Cameron.

Second row: Program Supervisor, Children's Mental Health of Leeds and Grenville, Ev Dales, Cornwall Community Hospital CEO, Jeannette Despatie, Executive Director of the Family and Children Services of Lanark Leeds and Grenville, Allan Hogan, Children's Aid Society of the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry, Dan Curtis.

Front row: Probation Manager, Ministry of Children and Youth Justice Services, Candice Kaine, Executive Director, Laurencrest Youth Services Inc. Wayne Kyte, Executive Director, RNJ Youth Services, Sue Poldervaart, Executive Director, Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth, Nicki Collins.

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