



Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week November 14-20, 2011

To: District/Bargaining Unit Presidents
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For Action

The recent tragic deaths of 12 year old Mitchell Wilson, from Pickering and 15 year old Jamie Hubley, from Ottawa, reinforce the importance of bullying awareness and prevention. The Legislative Assembly of Ontario, as well as many other jurisdictions across Canada have officially recognized November 14-20, 2011 as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. OSSTF/FEESO encourages its members to participate in events related to this cause.

In a memo to all School Board Directors of Education, Deputy Minister of Education Kevin Costante wrote:

“Ontario’s Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week will be recognized the third week of every November. ...Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week is an important way to focus the school community on promoting a safer learning environment for all students, which is essential to their success. It is also a valuable opportunity to raise awareness of bullying-related issues with parents and the local community... During this week, Safe School Teams within your jurisdiction can plan activities to heighten awareness of what constitutes bullying and the impact it can have on the overall school climate.”

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation supports this important initiative. A safe learning environment is extremely important to every student, parent and educational worker in our publicly funded school system and contributes greatly to a rich educational experience.

OSSTF/FEESO members can find Canadian Bullying Resources Online at
<http://www.osstf.on.ca/Default.aspx?DN=56733f05-75b0-4d31-9de1-01a1c52089f2>

Over the next few weeks, Safe School Teams may be planning a variety of events to raise awareness about bullying. “It is the policy of OSSTF/FEESO that students should be entitled to an education in an environment free of violence, harassment and bullying in any of its variant forms”.

If you require any information about Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week, please contact Suzette Clark at clarks@osstf.on.ca or call 1.800.267.7867.

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