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Halton Catholic Students Speak Up! Halton Catholic District School Board Celebrates Our Success From Student Voice Program

Students at the Halton Catholic District School Board are getting even more engaged in their learning and school community with the help of the Student Voice program. Students at 18 of the Board's schools recently found out that the Ministry of Education has provided a total of over \$29,600 to support their local school projects.

Twenty-three different student projects, as outlined on the attached list, designed to assist the positive, ongoing work of student clubs and councils or to empower students to develop skills and competencies in areas such as youth leadership, bullying prevention strategies, Think Pink, best practices to support a greener environment, healthy living, community and physical fitness, community outreach initiatives through to multi-cultural and diversity issues, were funded in this inaugural year of the program.

"I am proud to see our students involved and continuing to make a difference in their school. These projects will encourage more students to speak up and help strengthen the student voice in our school communities," explains Kathy Lowicki, the Board's Supervising Principal, Curriculum Services & Student Success Lead.

When students are engaged in their learning and social environment, they are better able to develop the skills and knowledge they need and grasp the opportunities that can help them reach their full potential.

Alice Anne LeMay, the Chair of the Halton Catholic District School Board, notes that "we know that students who are engaged are more likely to reach their full potential, the Board and our schools are pleased to receive the support of the Ontario government through the *Student Voice* program to help all students feel a sense of belonging in their classrooms, school and communities. In particular, we appreciate the ongoing commitment and dialogue with our local MPPs - Joyce Savoline (Burlington), Ted Chudleigh (Halton), Kevin Flynn (Oakville) and Ted Arnott (Wellington-Halton Hills)."

Across Ontario, the Student Voice program is helping students and student councils SpeakUp and get more engaged in their learning. For more information about Student Voice, please visit www.ontario.ca/speakup.

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About the Halton Catholic District School Board

The Halton Catholic District School Board, a provincial leader in student achievement in literacy and numeracy, as well as in Special Education, provides the best of Catholic education to more than 29,000 students of all ages at 49 faith-centred learning communities in Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. Committed to servant leadership, continuous school improvement planning and the preservation of the enduring gift of Catholic education, the Board is an exciting and dynamic system in which to learn, grow and work.

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The following student and Student Council projects at the Halton Catholic District School Board are receiving funding this year.

School Name	School City	Project Name	Grant Amount
All Secondary Schools At HCDSB	System-wide	S.L.A.M. (Student Leaders Accessing Mentors)	\$1,500
All Secondary Schools At HCDSB	System-wide	Halton Youth Leadership Symposium	\$1,500
Bishop Reding Secondary School Principal: Paul Cianciolo Tel. 905.875-0124	Milton	Health Improvement Planning (HIP) Team. Healthy Living at Bishop Reding	\$1,500
Bishop Reding Secondary School Principal: Paul Cianciolo Tel. 905.875-0124	Milton	"Think Pink" Project	\$600
Bishop Reding Secondary School Principal: Paul Cianciolo Tel. 905.875-0124	Milton	Speakers' Corner Project	\$1,500
Corpus Christi Secondary Principal: Stan Gajewski Tel. 905.331-5591	Burlington	Learning Outside the Lines AT 4ALL: LOL:AT4LL	\$1,500
Corpus Christi Secondary Principal: Stan Gajewski Tel. 905.331-5591	Burlington	Multicultural Café	\$500
Holy Rosary School Principal: Sonia Bien Tel. 905.876-1121	Milton	PATHS- Promoting Autonomy Trust Humanity in Students	\$1,500
Holy Trinity Secondary Principal: Colin McGillicuddy Tel. 905.257-3534	Oakville	Titans Against Hunger	\$1,500
Notre Dame Secondary Principal: Tom Dunn Tel. 905.335-1544	Burlington	Multi-cultural entertainment + Fashion show	\$1,500
Sacred Heart of Jesus School Principal: Tim Overholt Tel. 905.331-4656	Burlington	A Million Acts of Green: Our Super 6	\$1,405
St. Anthony of Padua School Principal: Emi Bakaic Tel. 905.864-8272	Milton	Kids Can Connect	\$1,500
St. Bernadette School Principal: Ann Koritko Tel. 905.827-7235	Oakville	Butterfly Friendship Garden	\$1,300

St. Francis of Assisi School Principal: Agostino Calandrino Tel. 905.877-6928	Georgetown	Intramurals in the School: Promoting a Sense of Community and Physical Fitness	\$1,130
St. Gabriel School Principal: Camillo Cipriano Tel. 905.332-3333	Burlington	Earth Week House League Day	\$1,500
St. Ignatius of Loyola Secondary Principal: Nijole Vaitonis Tel. 905.847-0595	Oakville	I Never Club	\$1,500
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St. Ignatius of Loyola Secondary Principal: Nijole Vaitonis Tel. 905.847-0595	Oakville	Council to Council	\$700
St. James School Principal: Michele Braida Tel. 905.339-0731	Oakville	Elementary School Musical II: Christmas at the Hop!	\$1,500
St. Joseph School Principal: Paula Dominick Tel. 905.827-4231	Oakville	Creating an Inclusive Environment through Youth Led Diversity Programming for Kids!	\$1,500
St. Patrick School Principal: Christina DeClerico Tel. 905.639-3975	Burlington	Bullying Prevention & Spirit Building	\$1,466
St. Peter School Principal: Stephany Balogh Tel. 905.878-4626	Milton	Panther House League	\$1,200
St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary Principal: Pat Daly Tel. 905.842-9494	Oakville	Unity in the Times of Transition	\$500