



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Lock Down Training Exercise Scheduled For November 2 at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School, Burlington

Please be advised that the Halton Regional Police Service, in conjunction with the Halton Catholic District School Board, will be conducting a lock down training exercise on Monday, November 2, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in Burlington.

This planned lock down practice and training exercise is important to ensure that staff and students are aware of how to appropriately respond in the event of a real emergency. If any deficiencies or problems are noted during the simulation exercise, then appropriate revisions are made to the school's safety plan.

All Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School students, staff and parents have been informed, in writing, about this training exercise. Both the role of the police, who will be responding to the call as if it were a real lockdown situation, as well as the role of staff and students during the simulated "lock down" mode of this exercise was explained.

In order to ensure accurate information is communicated, students will be reminded of the exercise prior to the commencement of the simulation and asked not to use their cell phones or text message during the exercise. The school day schedule will resume once the lock down practice and training exercise is completed.

**This media advisory is intended to inform the media in case they receive telephone calls from the public or neighbours during this simulation exercise.**

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