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## Halton Catholic Board Celebrates National Bullying Awareness Week 2009

The Halton Catholic District School Board will join many organizations across Canada in recognizing the **7th Annual Bullying Awareness Week, November 15-21, 2009**.

Bullying Awareness Week is an annual campaign initiated in 2003 by *Family Channel* and *Bullying.org Canada* to raise awareness about bullying prevention. This year's theme is "*Stand Up to Bullying*".

"During National Bullying Awareness Week, the Halton Catholic District School Board will be hosting many exciting school-based initiatives," notes Theresa Wilson, Chief Social Worker of the Board. "Our schools will continue to raise awareness that bullying is wrong and hurtful. Through discussions, announcements, guest speakers, poster contests or other initiatives, we will reinforce for students that everyone has the right to be respected and the responsibility to respect others."

A resource toolkit has been made available to all schools, through the Board's Child and Youth Counsellor staff, to assist schools in promoting and raising awareness around bullying prevention.

"National Bullying Awareness Week provides a wonderful opportunity to recognize the valuable work our students and staff are doing to raise awareness that bullying cannot thrive when we nurture acts of kindness and compassion in our Catholic learning communities," explains Michael W. Pautler, Director of Education, Halton Catholic District School Board.

For more information about National Bullying Awareness Week and how you can make a difference, log onto [www.bullying.org](http://www.bullying.org).

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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 over 29,000 students of all ages at 50 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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