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SUBJECT: Heat Events

With the warmer weather now upon us, I would like to remind schools about Health and Safety during a Heat Event.

The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event. A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40 or higher humidex reading. Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps should be taken for students:

- Limit physical outdoor activities
- Ensure access to water
- Close drapes and blinds
- Move students through cooler areas of the school
- Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress

For more information, or steps you can take to reduce risks during heat events, please visit the following websites:

City of Hamilton

<http://bit.ly/22hvHDL>

Health Canada

<http://bit.ly/1TmNJih>

Please share the following paragraph with your school communities, either through your school newsletter or on your school website:

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