



Franklin Road Elementary School

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Dear Families,

We are writing to inform you that Hamilton Police Service has charged a crossing guard serving Franklin Road with sexual offences. Police posted the statement below at www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca/news:

Man Charged for Sexually Assaulting Victims Under 16-years

On May 8, 2019, Michael Andress, a 68-year-old from Hamilton was arrested for sexual offences. Police believe there may be more victims.

Hamilton Police investigated sexual assaults which began in 2007; involving girls who were known to him. At the time of the offences, the female victims were under the age of 16-years. Andress has provided childcare services in his home.

Andress has held volunteer positions involving youth in his church, Scouts Canada, various sports teams and has been employed as a Hamilton School Crossing Guard.

Police believe there could be more victims and encourage anyone who wishes to report any information to contact Detective Phil Hedgcock at (905)540-6477.

To provide information anonymously call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or submit your anonymous tips online at <http://www.crimestoppershamilton.com>

There is no guaranteed way to prevent sexual assault. Sharing the details of these assaults is intended to provide the community information, and people are encouraged to trust their instincts. For confidential support, please call the Sexual Assault Centre's 24-hour support line at 905-525-4162 or connect at www.sacha.ca, or the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Care Centre at www.hhsc.ca/sadv.

Student safety is our utmost concern and we are very concerned by this development. No students have been identified as victims.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our school office.

Sincerely,

Susan Neville
Principal