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Dear families at Billy Green, Queensdale, Dr. Davey and Sherwood communities,

It is with great concern that I write to let you know about a situation involving a retired elementary school teacher at Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB).

We were recently informed that Halton Police Service has charged John Douglas Hashimoto with luring a child under 16 years and invitation to sexual touching. Halton police issued a media release on April 1, 2021, which can be found on their website [here](#).

This teacher worked at Billy Green, Queensdale and Dr. Davey elementary schools and Sherwood Secondary School from 1987 to 2019.

On behalf of HWDSB, I want you to know that we consider the safety and well-being of every student our top priority.

We know that it is important to you, as parents, guardians and caregivers, to feel confident that children and youth are well cared for and protected while they are at school. We take this responsibility seriously, and so do our staff.

Halton investigators believe there may be additional victims and ask anyone with information to come forward.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Detective Todd Martin at 905-825-4747 Ext. 8983 or D/Cst. Andrew Hulbert at 905-825-4747 Ext. 8974 of the Halton Regional Police Service Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE).

Tips can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers "See Something? Hear Something? Know Something?" Contact "Crime Stoppers" at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or through the web at www.haltoncrimestoppers.ca

If you are a survivor of child sexual abuse or sexual assault, remember the abuse was not your fault and there is no time limit on reporting the abuse to police.

As a parent, guardian or caregiver you should be prepared that your child or youth could have questions or concerns about this matter. We have included some resources to help below.

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- Children's Aid Society – The CAS mandate is to protect children (age 18 and under) from physical, sexual and emotional abuse and neglect. (905) 522-1121 (intake)
- Catholic Children's Aid Society – The CCAS mandate is to protect children (age 18 and under) from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect. (905) 525-2012 (intake)
- Sexual Assault Centre of Hamilton (SACHA) – Crisis Line (905) 525-4162 sacha.ca
- [Tip sheet for adults supporting children after a distressing event.](#)

Sincerely,



Peter Sovran