

Partnership Report

Program Committee
May 1, 2023

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MISSION

We empower students to learn and grow to their full potential in a diverse world.

COMMITMENT

We are committed to learning, equity, engagement and innovation.

PRIORITIES

POSITIVE CULTURE AND WELL-BEING - We will build student and staff well-being through positive climate strategies and supportive relationships.

STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT - We will improve student learning and achievement through effective instructional strategies.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION - We will improve our communication through comprehensive strategies.

SCHOOL RENEWAL - We will optimize opportunities to invest in improved school facilities.

PARTNERSHIPS - We will strengthen our collaboration with new and existing community partners to enhance opportunities for students.

HWDSB *Reimagined*



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Goal: All new and existing community partnerships will enhance opportunities for students.

Strategies:

1. Continue to develop pathways to engage with our community in the delivery of unique experiences to students.
2. Explore school-community connections to remove barriers, making it more accessible for students and families to access community services and support.
3. Review, strengthen, and streamline volunteer procedures to support parent and community involvement in opportunities and educational programming for students.

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- Launched in the fall 2022
- 300 registered participants
- 6,000 visitors to the site
- 16 projects to date
- Relationship between Surveys and Registration

Participate in the Student Dress Guidelines Consultation

Student Dress Guidelines are important in providing a safe, equitable, welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone. Students have a right to express themselves, which is important to their mental health and well-being.

On October 18th 2022, HWDSB Trustees passed a motion to develop Student Dress Guidelines at the system level, meaning that individual schools will no longer have their own dress codes. The new Student Dress Guidelines for all schools will use the principles of anti-oppression, anti-racism, equity, and inclusion. [Click here to view the temporary Student Dress Guidelines.](#)

To include as many perspectives as possible, we are inviting HWDSB students, staff and community members to [share their feedback on Student Dress Guidelines.](#)

Ways to Engage



Survey	Engage HWDSB
Please share feedback on current Student Dress Guidelines and suggestions for future Guidelines on the Student Dress Guidelines survey.	Please share thoughts and ideas on current Student Dress Guidelines and suggestions for future Guidelines on the Engage HWDSB project.
Click here to take the survey.	Click here to visit the Engage HWDSB project.

Please provide your feedback to us by **May 11, 2023** through the [survey](#) or [EngageHWDSB](#).

Once the Student Dress Guidelines have been finalized, HWDSB will provide training for staff, and communication and supports will be shared with families to ensure all questions are answered.

Continue to develop pathways to engage with our community in the delivery of unique experiences to students.

- Community-Based Programs and Presentations
 - Exploring ways to streamline the connection between community opportunities and schools
- Focus on Youth
- Youth Serving Agencies Network (YSAN)
 - Strategic collaboration of community agencies promoting positive youth development for youth aged 12-29 in Hamilton



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Focus on Youth

- FOY 2022 Highlights:
- ✓ 70 students
 - ✓ Focus on in-person program opportunities
 - ✓ Collaboration with Project Search
 - ✓ 3 Placement Streams
 - Community Agencies
 - HWDSB Summer Learning Camps
 - Community Connectedness Program



"My proudest moment this summer was when I overcame my fears and did well. Not only did I do these things for kids and learning camps, but I also acquired skills for myself."

FOY Student, 2022

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"My favourite part about Focus on Youth is the ability to gain experience and learn new professional skills. My favourite moment has definitely been speaking to different elderly people of the community in our visits to Sackville. I got to speak with them about life and their insights, and I thought it was amazing."

"Being a support at my placement camp allowed me to learn and develop new skills as a leader and team player that will follow me for many years to come. I loved interacting with the camp participants and co-workers everyday!"



"I like getting to meet new people every week. My favourite moment of Focus on Youth has been going to Mcquesten farm on Wednesdays, the staff there teach us new things about gardening and are really nice."

"I really enjoyed working with the Focus on Youth team this year and I feel like throughout my time here, I gained many useful skills that I can use in my future career and many strong relationships with teachers and coworkers."

Explore school-community connections to remove barriers, making it more accessible for students and families to access community services and support.

- **Needs Assessment and Partnership Evaluation Survey**
 - Strategy to understand the school-based needs related to community support, as well as to evaluate community programming in relation to meeting these needs
 - 97 schools completed the Needs Assessment November - December 2023
 - 41 responses to date submitted for the Partnership Evaluation Survey
- **Coffee in the Community**
 - As part of the Engagement Strategy, community-based onboarding and transitions has been identified as an area for advancement
 - 4 community tours organized with Director of Education
- **Hamilton Public Library**
 - Working group (Community Engagement, Program, IIT, Privacy) exploring a barrier-free process to distribute library cards to HWDSB students, connecting youth and their families to a wide range of collections, resources, spaces, and supports

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Coffee in the Community



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Review, strengthen, and streamline volunteer procedures to support parent and community involvement in opportunities and educational programming for students.

- Nutrition Support



Schools supported: 70
of Meals/Snacks Served:
1,326,291
of Volunteers: 178



Schools supported: 13
\$102,062.50 in nutrition funding



Schools supported: 56
Students supported: 1,126
of Volunteers: Over 50

- Orchard Park Robotics

- TEAM 2056 is a highly successful program, supported by a strong volunteer base or former student team members

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Planning a new ***Path Forward.***
It starts with you.

Explore the possibilities.

Engage with us.

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The Grey Cup

November 19, 2023

Canada's largest
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The Grey Cup Festival

November 15-18,
2023



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As a way of showing community organizations that we value and care for them, the Communications and Community Engagement Department sent out boxes of cookies to **32 community organizations** in June 2022.

We look forward to showing gratitude to our community again this year.

Thank you to Bernie Custis Secondary School students for their talents and time making these delicious treats!

