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Update on Partnership between Community Agencies and CDSBEO

As the summer break approaches, it is important to recognize that some students, families, teachers and community members may be feeling the need for ongoing support.

The partnership between several community agencies and the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario and St. John Catholic High School is ongoing, and we continue to offer a team of professionals to provide support and resources to anyone who may be struggling or who needs help with healing or to alleviate anxiety.

Trauma-informed care specialists and the Canadian Centre for Child Protection have been engaged in order to have enhanced training materials and class resources in place for students and staff for the new school year, and to encourage those who need it to seek help, to open dialogue and to support safety in schools. The CCCP is a national charity dedicated to the personal safety of all children – learn more here: <https://www.protectchildren.ca/en/>.

In addition, training programs are being coordinated with the community partners to be implemented in the new school year, and many initiatives will be board wide. More updates will be issued about all of this work over the summer as plans are being finalized.

Learn more about trauma and the supports available from community partners by watching this video outlining local services available: <https://youtu.be/yChfTuqFzP0>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the partners highlighted in the video. We are here to help.

Together in voice. Together we overcome. Together we empower.