

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**  
**Catholic Education Centre - Seminar Room**  
**1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

**Chairperson: Shawna Belcourt**

**Vice-Chairperson: Clare Paterson**

**TRUSTEES/MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING ARE  
ASKED TO PLEASE NOTIFY ASHLEIGH FAULKNER (705) 748-4861 EXT. 1226**

### **A. Call to Order:**

1. Land Acknowledgment: Karen Spenceley  
As we continue to learn together, I (we) would like to acknowledge, as we do at school, that this land on which we live and learn daily, is the traditional territory of the Michi Saagig (Mississauga) Anishnaabe. All of the PVNC Catholic District School Board lies within the Williams Treaty territory and we are all Treaty people. We offer our gratitude to the First Peoples of this land who continue to care for, and share their teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.
2. Opening Prayer: Jonathan Di Ianni
3. Motion to Approve Agenda
4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
5. Motion for Approval of the Summary of the June 15, 2023 Meeting
6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

### **B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:**

1. Remarks: Chairperson, Shawna Belcourt
2. Remarks: Superintendent of Learning: Special Education Services/ Mental Health &

Well-being/ Safe and Caring Schools, Jonathan Di Ianni

3. Update from Trustee: Kathleen Tanguay

**C. Presentations/Discussion Items:**

1. SEPSAW - Special Education Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being - Karen Spenceley
2. Summer Learning - Jennifer Angelo

From the presentations:

- i. What are the key learnings from the presentation?
- ii. What do parents need to know?
- iii. What options exist to get this information to parents?
- iv. How can SEAC support parents in this process?
- v. What can your associations/organizations add specifically to the learning today if any?
- vi. What should be sent out to families in the DID YOU KNOW from SEAC?

**D. Correspondence Items:**

1. Durham-Peel Catholic District School Board - Retention of Educational Assistants (attached)

**E. Information Items:**

1. PVNCCDSB Board of Trustee Minutes and Agendas  
<https://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/our-board/board-meetings/>
2. C.L.T.H. Update : Shawna Belcourt

**F. Old Business:**

1. Motion Tracking:

<b>Motion Date</b>	<b>Subject/Status</b>
February 17, 2022	PPM 172 FASD motion to draft letter
April 21, 2022	PPM 172 FASD draft letter approved as presented
April 21, 2022	PPM 81 Proposed Update Downloading medical procedures onto special education support staff - letter drafted ready for review by SEAC
May 19, 2022	PPM81 draft letter approved as presented.

January 19, 2023	Special Incidence Portion Funding motion to draft letter
January 19, 2023	Extension of Learning motion to draft letter
February 16, 2023	Special Incidence Portion Funding draft letter approved as presented
February 16, 2023	Extension of learning draft letter approved as presented

**G. New Business:**

1. Tentative Meeting topics for 2023-2024 Special Education Advisory Committee:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
October 19, 2023	Staff Census
November 16, 2023	2023 Board Budget, Social Work
January 18, 2024 (virtual)	UDL/Executive Functioning, The Third Path
February 15, 2024 (virtual)	Equity & Inclusive Education
March 21, 2024	Community Connections - Funding for Families
April 25, 2024	IEPs & IPRC Processes for Families
May 16, 2024	Budget for 2024-2025, CBIPSAW
June 13, 2024	Special Education Plan, PAaC on SEAC

**H. Next Meeting:**

1. Selection of Members for Territorial Recognition, Opening and Closing Prayers

**I. Conclusion:**

1. Closing Prayer: Kathleen Tanguay
2. Motion for Adjournment

July 11, 2023

Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education

Ministry of Education

15<sup>th</sup> Floor, 438 University Ave.

Toronto, Ontario M5G 2K8

Dear Minister Lecce,

We write this letter on behalf of the members of the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), regarding the recruitment and retention of staff serving in the capacity of Educational Resource Worker (Educational Assistants). All Boards within Ontario employ some version of this job classification which supports our most vulnerable students with complex and diverse learning needs.

The function of staffing Educational Resource Workers has seen a steady decline in qualified candidates to work within our board. Over the past ten years, the post-secondary institutions offering programs of qualification for Educational Assistants have produced fewer graduates and as a result, a shortfall is felt, not only at our school board but throughout Ontario. Unfortunately, as the numbers of candidates for Educational Resource Workers decrease, the number of students requiring their invaluable support has increased. There simply aren't enough Educational Resource Workers to match the demands of our diverse learners.

Educational Resource Workers provide an invaluable resource to our students. They facilitate teaching and accommodating the needs of our diverse learners within an integrated and inclusive classroom. They help in the building of necessary life skills, assist with developing self-regulation and independence within the planning for independence classrooms. Teachers may teach the lessons; however, it's the indispensable hands-on teaching by our Educational Resource Workers who truly make a positive impact to our diverse learners. Some of our most vulnerable students even require personal care throughout the day, whether it's to eat, drink or use the washroom. All the while, the educational resource workers are tirelessly helping our diverse learners with special needs to be safe in all they do.

To add to their many duties, Educational Resource Workers also facilitate our diverse learners with their specialized equipment and technology to access their learning environment, whether it's in a classroom or gymnasium. Our Educational Resource Workers are right there helping our diverse learners manage their hearing aids, specialized technology, laptops, chrome books, iPads, sophisticated augmentative communication devices, eye gaze devices and switches. The school board itinerate teachers travel from school to school to help their diverse learners; physiotherapists,

occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, child youth workers, visit our diverse learners at school throughout the year also. As much as the teacher is informed of these specialized professional visits, it's the Educational Resource Worker who carries on with the prescribed recommendations for their diverse learners, ensuring their needs are met.

It's clear to see how critically important our Educational Resource Workers are to our diverse learners. Although the classroom teacher is ultimately responsible for all their students, it is the Educational Resource Workers' comprehensive duties and responsibilities that make or break a student's day. When there is a lack of Educational Resource Workers, our diverse learners are the ones who do not get their complete educational needs met.

Minister Lecce, Are the diverse learners' needs as important as those of the average student? Today, where equity, accessibility and inclusion are paramount, where are the Educational Resource Workers our diverse learners need? The shortfall of Educational Resource Workers in Ontario is a major problem in our education system.

Without intervention by the Government of Ontario to engage in a concerted effort to support post-secondary institutions in attracting more candidates to these programs, the supply and demand problem will continue to compound. There is precedent for this type of intervention as the province recently committed to spending up to \$200 million to train up to 16,200 additional Personal Support Workers through publicly assisted colleges, private career colleges and district school boards in the 2021-2022 school year.

We would ask that the Ministry of Education collaborate with the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, to develop a strategy in collaboration with post-secondary institutions to support the recruitment, retention, and training of Educational Resource Workers in the province of Ontario.

We thank you, in advance, for your serious consideration of our request, and we look forward to your proactive response to this educational crisis.

Sincerely,



<p>Bruno Iannicca, SEAC Chair, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) Trustee Mississauga Ward 6 and 11</p>	<p>Dely Farrace, SEAC Vice Chair, DPCDSB SEAC Association Representative for Brampton Caledon Community Living</p>
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cc: DPCDSB Trustees

MPPs of Dufferin-Peel

Chairs of Special Education Advisory Committees



# Save the date!

**Developmental Services Housing Forum**  
**November 28, 2023**  
**9:30am to 3:00pm EST**



## The housing landscape is changing, stay up to date!

Join Housing Navigators from Developmental Services Ontario and Experts in a virtual format to learn about:

- **This year's highlights**  
Community Land Trusts (CLTs), Supportive Housing Developments, Innovation labs that look at tackling complex societal challenges, Creating housing in communities with a lack of housing stock, Advocacy initiatives, and more!
- **Initiatives and strategies to increase housing opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities**
- **Why partnerships and involvement at all levels is vital for housing**

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### About Housing Navigators

Housing Navigators help people, their caregivers and support networks, as well as the community, learn about housing options outside of traditional Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) funded housing.

Housing Navigators create and provide resources and information, including a toolkit and webinars that can help you create a housing plan.



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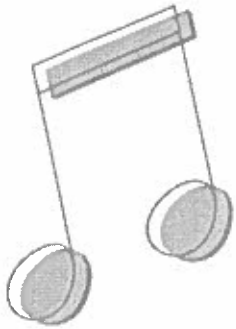
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# September 2023 – Community Food Calendar

Social Services Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays

## Saturdays Sundays Food Banks in the City of Peterborough

Good Neighbours	am – 2:00 pm			10:30 am- 1:00 pm
Care Centre	10:00	Sacred Heart	8:00 am - 10:45 am	St. Vincent's
				9:00 am - 11:30 am
				St. Luke's

## Salvation Army Salvation Army Good Neighbours Good Neighbours Salvation Army

10:30 am – 11:45 am	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	10:00 am – 11:45 am		
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### Free Meals in Peterborough

## Special Meals & Information

One Roof Community Centre: Drop-in hours daily from 1-5 pm.

Salvation Army Breakfast: Take away breakfast - 19 Simcoe St. parking lot.

Community Care: Provides Meals on Wheels for seniors. Call 705-742-7067



Location: 110 Millbrook School, 1 Dunfern St., Millbrook

When: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of each month from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Contact: 705-932-7066 or email: [acom1920@gmail.com](mailto:acom1920@gmail.com)

### **North Kawartha Food Bank**

Location: 135 Burleigh St., Apsley (north end of Royal Bank ATM building) **When:** Every Tuesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Contact: 705-656-1748

### **Otonabee-South Monaghan Food Cupboard**

Location: Keene United Church, 30 North St., Keene

When: 2nd Thursday of each month from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. & 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Contact: 705-295-6952 or email [osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net](mailto:osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net)

### **Trent Lakes Rural Outreach Centre**

Location: 259 Lakehurst Circle Rd. **Please Call 705-768-3590 to arrange access.**

When: May. 29, Jun. 26, Jul. 31, Aug. 28. 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Contact us if you see something wrong on the Food Calendar:

[ckawalec@peterborough.ca](mailto:ckawalec@peterborough.ca)

### **Other Food Programs in Peterborough**

#### **Babies First:**

Pregnant women can access the food cupboard, food vouchers, Community Health Nurse and Registered Dietitian. **Location:** Peterborough Child & Family Centres, 201 Antrim St. **When:** Fridays Sept.- June from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Contact: PCFC to Register 705-748-9144

**Come Cook with Us - Peterborough Public Health** Join a free virtual cooking class.

Contact: 705-743-1000 extension 316

#### **Food for Kids:**

School program offering healthy, free food for students on weekdays. Contact your child's school.

#### **Gleaning:**

Catch a bus to pick free fruits and vegetables at local farms. **Contact** 705-749-9977

**Murray Street Baptist Church: 175 Murray Street**

Free fruit, vegetables, and eggs (while they last)

**When:** Last Monday of every month at 4:30p.m.

Contact: 705-745-4376

### **Find Food Support Online: Visit [Social Services Food Support](#)**

[www.peterborough.ca/foodcalendar](http://www.peterborough.ca/foodcalendar)

**Murray Street Baptist Church Breakfast:** 3rd Saturday each month. 175 Murray St. Call 705-745-4376

### **Building Locations**

Good Neighbors Care Centre 164 Sherbrooke St. One Roof Community Centre 99 Brock St

Sacred Heart 208 Romaine St. at Aylmer Salvation Army 219 Simcoe St. St. Vincent De Paul 256 Murray St St Luke's 566 Armour Rd

### **County of Peterborough Food Banks**

#### **Asphodel-Norwood Ministerial Association Food Bank**

**Location:** Norwood Town Hall, 2357 County Road 45, Norwood

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment

**Contact:** 705-639-1777 or 705-957-4351

#### **Bridgenorth Food Bank**

**Location:** Bridgenorth United Church, 832 Charles St., Bridgenorth

**When:** Every Tuesday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Visits limited to once per month, for Selwyn residents only).

**Contact:** 705-292-9601

#### **Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Food Bank**

**Location:** Havelock Town Hall, 10 Oak St. (rear entrance), Havelock

**When:** 12:00-2:00 pm: Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, 13&27, May 17, Jun. 14, Jul. 12, Aug. 16, Sep. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 6 & 20

**Contact:** 705-778-2356

#### **Lakefield Food Bank**

**Location:** St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 81 Queen St., Lakefield

**When:** Every Tuesday from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

**Contact:** 705-652-8302

#### **Millbrook Food Share:**

**Nourish Project: Workshops, Community Gardens, FoodBoxes Cooking  
Workshop Registration/Information**

City: 705-743-3526 ext. 105 or [cooking@nourishproject.ca](mailto:cooking@nourishproject.ca)

Community Gardens: 705-743-3526 ext. 115  
[growing@nourishproject.ca](mailto:growing@nourishproject.ca)

**NourishFoodBoxProgram: 705-743-3526 ext. 105 or [foodbox@nourishproject.ca](mailto:foodbox@nourishproject.ca)**

**YES Shelter Food Bank: Program for 16-24 years old Location: 196 Brock  
Street. Contact 705-748-3851 When: Tues. & Thurs.: 12:00 - 3:00 pm & Sat. 12:00  
-2:00 pm**

**Peterborough Pet Food Bank: Every Wednesday from 10:30 to noon at Murray  
Street Baptist Church.**



**Social Services**



## SPLASH! Adaptive Swim Safety Program

**Splash! Adaptive Swim Safety Program** is a 10-week tailored program focusing on water safety skills & principals. Half-hour lessons on Mondays or Thursdays. Must be able to attend the meet and greet session the week of September 18. Monday lessons will meet on September 18 and Thursday lessons will meet on September 21 at the same time as their session. Participants are off the second week so instructors can lesson plan, then they are in-pool for 10 weeks starting the week of October 2. Lessons times are Mondays or Thursdays 6:20pm, 6:30pm, 6:55pm and 7:05pm.

*Funding for this program has been generously provided by a YMCA Canada Spark Innovation Grant.*



# SPLASH! Adaptive Swim Safety Program

Working in partnership with Five Counties Children's Centre and Heads up for Inclusion, this program is designed to:

- Create personal water safety goals for each participant
- Guide participants on best practices around water
- Provide general water safety training
- Provide consistency and repetition for those that already have some aquatic safety knowledge
- Remove financial barriers to participation
- Provide opportunities for fun and social interaction with peers



## How Do I Register a Child for This Program?

Registration for **Splash!** will open on August 23 at 9am. Please register by visiting our website and following the instructions below.

1. Go to our website [ymcaofceo.ca](http://ymcaofceo.ca)
2. Click "My Account"
3. Click "Sign In/Up"
4. Click Activities
5. Under activity search, type in PB - Splash (ISP)
6. Press Search
7. Click on activity and hit "Enroll Now"

This program is free of charge. Spaces are limited.

## What To Expect And Important Information

- This program is designed to offer personalized instruction. Participants will work one on one with an instructor, or will be paired with another participant with similar goals and swim abilities.
- The first day of the program will be outside of the pool. This will be a chance to meet, set personal goals, learn about any previous challenges and get acquainted with the facility, change rooms and pool deck.
- The YMCA has a Hoyer lift and two aquatic wheel chairs available for use, located in the Universal Change Room.
- Please come to the meet and greet session prepared to discuss best strategies to support your child to achieve their goals.

For more information please contact Shannon at 705-748-9642 ext. 227 or [shannon.hunter@ceo.ymca.ca](mailto:shannon.hunter@ceo.ymca.ca)



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