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One-Stop Grad Shop Removes Barriers to Taking Part in Graduation Celebrations

Brantford, Ont. – Shopping for graduation attire can be expensive, so once again King George School is partnering with Brantford Police Services to provide an opportunity for Grade 8 students to find a special outfit, without the price tags.

"Moving on to secondary school is a major milestone for our students, and cost shouldn't be a barrier to taking part in graduation celebrations," said Shannon McLeod, Grade 6 teacher at King George School, who is spearheading the event along with Officer Kelsie Logan of Brantford Police Services. "This is a chance to pick out a stylish outfit without spending money, thanks to generous donations from the community."

Now in its third year, the event offers a variety of gently used formal wear and shoes free of cost to Grade 8 students. Organizers are seeking donations of formal wear including dresses, suits, jackets, and dress shirts, as well as shoes, ties and accessories, which can be dropped off at the Brantford Police Station (344 Elgin Street) until May 30.

Grade 8 students can choose their graduation outfits on Thursday, May 30 from 4-7 p.m. at King George School.

Events such as the One-Stop Grad Shop are supported by Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, which works to promote equitable practices that help students and families feel safe, welcomed, and included.

One-Stop Grad Shop:

- Date: Thursday, May 30, 2019
- Location: King George School (265 Rawdon Street, Brantford)
- Time: 4-7 p.m.

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