



**BRANT COUNTY  
HEALTH UNIT**



**HealthUnit**  
Haldimand-Norfolk

## Partnering Together for Healthy Schools Protocol

### Declaration Statement

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, Grand Erie District School Board, Brant County Health Unit and Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit commit to partner, recognizing and practicing within each organization's mission, vision and culture, in order to create and sustain healthy school environments and school communities that contribute to the well-being of children and youth in Brant, Haldimand, and Norfolk.

### Purpose

The purpose of this protocol is to demonstrate the commitment of public health and education in Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk to use the potential of collaboration and collective action to positively influence the lives of children and youth.

The link between health and education is paramount. Healthy students are better learners, and education is a key determinant of health. Through collaboration between education and public health in Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk, we can achieve greater collective impact to create healthy school communities that foster student well-being and success.

### Guiding Principles

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, Grand Erie District School Board, Brant County Health Unit and Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit are committed to:

- Respecting diversity, equity and inclusivity
- Establishing partnerships that promote sharing of expertise, knowledge and resources
- Recognizing the strengths of the child/youth to promote positive outcomes
- Being flexible to meet the needs of the child/youth and family
- Collaborating with families, school and community partners

### Approach

Healthy schools will be achieved through strategic partnership and collaboration, communication, knowledge exchange, and development of supportive environments. This includes a commitment to excellence in health protection and health promotion.

Health units and school boards will address any issue following best practice of using multi-pronged strategies consistent with the Foundations for a Healthy School Framework.

## Agreement

All parties agree to:

1. Delegate staff with knowledge and relevant portfolio responsibilities, to represent organizational interests (and adhere to respective board processes as appropriate) on Brant Haldimand Norfolk Healthy Schools Advisory Group.
2. Commit to an annual review, or upon request, of the Protocol including appendices to help move the partnership agenda forward; required corrections or deletions will be delegated to the appropriate staff lead.
3. Advocate for the collective understanding of the importance of health protection, promotion and wellness initiatives, at the systems, community and school levels.
4. Support collaborative research and evaluation mechanisms (e.g., data collection, monitoring, knowledge exchange and sharing, tracking progress towards intended goals).
5. All parties will adhere to the governing legislation that supports the mandates of health and education.

## Signatories of the Protocol

Date: May 11, 2017



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Director of Education, Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board



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Director of Education, Grand Erie District School Board



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Executive Director, Brant County Health Unit



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Director, Public Health, Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit

## APPENDICES

- Healthy Schools Initiatives
- School and Student Immunization Process
- Outbreak and Pandemic Preparedness
- Student Oral Health