



DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Briefing Notes

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Topic: School Resource Officers Hosted by 8 Catholic Secondary Schools

The Toronto Police Service has offered both Toronto Boards with the opportunity to host School Resource Officers in 30 schools throughout the City of Toronto.

- The main purpose of this initiative is for Officers to work with students, parents and school administrators in a range of program based activities to support their immediate school community and neighbouring school sites.
- The following schools have been selected as host sites:
 - Archbishop Romero** (Division 12)
 - Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton** (Division 11)
 - Cardinal Newman** (Division 41)
 - Don Bosco** (Division 23)
 - James Cardinal McGuigan** (Division 31)
 - Mary Ward** (Division 42)
 - Michael Power/St. Joseph** (Division 22)
 - St. Patrick Catholic** (Division 55)
- The remainder of Catholic Secondary Schools in these Divisions will also be serviced by the SRO.
- Catholic Secondary Schools outside of these Divisions will continue to receive support through existing programs and partnerships
- School Resource Officer Activities could include but not limited to:
 1. Coordinating school lectures, education and programs related to crime prevention and student leaderships;
 2. Promoting events and programs to address cyber bullying and gender based violence;
 3. Empowering students to participate in school-wide safe school initiatives;
 4. Dialoguing and visiting with local merchants and community partners;
 5. Providing support to school administrators and officers conducting investigations;
 6. Acting as a resource of other officers on school based operational procedures (e.g. Police/School Protocol, Lockdowns, Emergency Evacuations; and
 7. Enabling diversions and restorative justice principles
 8. Based on needs identified by the school community, Officer will act as resource
- The Central Safe Schools Advisory Committee representing all employee groups, parents, students, and trustees had the opportunity to meet with Toronto Police Service on Wednesday, September 3rd in the evening.
- All representatives in attendance were very supportive of this initiative and the additional resource it creates in TCDSB secondary schools.
- This latest initiative builds on the existing longstanding partnership among Toronto Police Service and Toronto Catholic District School Board.