

Council of Ontario Directors of Education: Health and Safety Schools Project (HSSP)

HSSP HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM

Purpose/Mandate

The aim of the HSSP Health and Safety Team is to act as ambassadors and champions for the project and to foster the delivery of a high quality product that meets the goals of the project. More specifically, the Health and Safety Team will:

- Identify, through their own expertise and consultation with the fifteen focus group school boards, a common set of provincial health and safety promising practices;
- Produce three professional development modules for boards to utilize with staff having responsibility for school and classroom safety; and
- Supply a list of preferred vendors recognized by school boards and available province-wide to inspect technological education facilities and science labs at the request of a board.;
- Produce and regularly update a series of questions and answers for posting to the CODE website; and
- Liaise with other organizations and individuals with appropriate expertise to add value to the project.

Upon request from individual boards, the CODE Coordinator and Health and Safety Team Chair may also direct team members to provide expert advice and support to boards. Support could include:

- Assistance with developing/updating individual board plans to ensure the essential components are adequately addressed;
- Assistance with inspection of physical plants;
- Participation in meetings with board or school teams; and
- Assistance with board-specific staff training.

Approval of any such requests must fall within the scope and resources of the Health and Safety Schools Project (HSSP).

Membership

The CODE Health and Safety Team consists of experts in the area of science and technology safety within school settings. They are:

- Robert Emtage, Health and Safety Team Chair;
- Connie Devlin, Health and Safety Specialist (Standards and Legislation);
- Dave Graves, Health and Safety Specialist Technological Education);
- Bill Keith, Health and Safety Specialist (Technological Education/Science);
- Milan Sanader, Health and Safety Specialist (Science);
- Pat Campbell, Coordination Lead.