



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

February 22, 2007

WHAT DO TEACHERS DO ON P. A. DAYS?

At the District School Board of Niagara, the answer to this question is “a great deal”! This Friday, February 23rd, as most parents of school-aged children know, is a day off school for students but it is Professional Activity Day for teachers.

Two keynote speakers will be talking to DSBN teachers on very a very important topic - “How To Help Students Succeed”.

Dr. Bruce Ferguson will be making a presentation at Centennial Secondary School in Welland from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Dr. Ferguson is the Director of Community Health Services at the Hospital for Sick Children and the co-author of the Ministry report on “*Early School Leavers: Understanding the Lived Reality of Student Disengagement from Secondary Schools*”. He will be speaking to the staff about “How to Help Students Succeed”. Dr. Ferguson is passionate about helping children and helping educators understand them.

Duane Dahl will be making a presentation at Laura Secord Secondary School in St. Catharines from 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Mr. Dahl is the Assistant Director of Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys’ and Girls’ Club and past Chair of Hamilton’s Community Coalition on Bullying. He will speak about “*What Young People Need to Succeed: The Asset Approach to Character Development*”. He will focus on what all young people need to grow up healthy and responsible.

So as their students are enjoying a day off, it’s classes for their teachers!

-30-

For more information contact:

Reference:

Marian Lamb, Communications Office, 905-641-2929 ext. 4160

District School Board of Niagara

191 Carlton Street * St. Catharines * ON * L2R 7P4 * 1-905-641-1550 * Fax: 1-905-685-8511
Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education and Secretary