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DSBN Holds Inaugural Track and Field Event

Empowerment through sport is an important learning opportunity for all students. For the first time, students enrolled in DSBN special needs classes will have the chance to compete in a variety of events at the "Track and Field Meet for Students with Special Needs".

This invitational event, which is taking place on Monday, June 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Niagara Olympic Club behind West Park Secondary School in St. Catharines, will provide an opportunity for students with Special Needs to demonstrate and celebrate their unique abilities in a friendly and inclusive venue. Although over 200 athletes will be participating in different events including standing long jump, running long jump, basketball throw and baseball throw, they will all be working to obtain a personal best.

Members of the DSBN Special Olympic committee collaborated with Special Olympics Ontario, a community-based program that enables students to compete in a variety of championships, to make this event a reality for special needs students.

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