

# SAFER SCHOOLS: SAFER COMMUNITIES

**NATIONAL  
CONFERENCE  
MAY 9, 10, 11, 2002  
KITCHENER,  
ONTARIO**

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL  
\$495 (CAN) OR \$350 (US)**

*Safe schools don't just happen! They grow out of healthy communities. They grow out of far-sighted, innovative educational goals and programs. They grow out of joint initiatives between local agencies, policing, and justice. They grow out of the belief that the community... whether it be students, parents, educators, business, agencies, or police... has a role to play in tackling the root causes of violence.*

*Safe schools are created when all the stakeholders join together!*

The Waterloo Education Foundation, in conjunction with government and community partners, is holding a conference that will bring all the various players together. Whatever the political stripe, we all believe in safe schools and safe communities... we only follow different directions to a similar end. By uniting all points at the same Conference, we hope that we can teach... can learn... can come up with solutions that will be manifested in benefit to children and to the communities where we live.

National and International presenters will provide a wealth of information on successful strategies, raise public awareness of the issues, and provide educational and resource materials. A consensus-building process will be used throughout the Conference, which will assess the community's needs and capacities.

Outcomes will include a process for creating plans for future community initiatives, a database of resources and contacts, a web-site, and a service delivery model for supporting the needs of high-risk students... all of which will be made available to all conference participants.

Therefore, from an objectives standpoint, we want to:

1. Create a forum for networking and idea sharing among stakeholders by providing leading-edge sessions on a wide variety of safety issues;
2. Build a process through which a vision plan can be created and implemented;
3. Sustain a network of stakeholders.



## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

**Community Organizations  
Educators  
Youth Leaders  
Parents  
School Boards  
Federations  
Social Agencies  
Police  
Judges  
Crown (District) Attorneys  
Defence Counsels  
Chambers of Commerce  
Municipal Leaders  
Government Officers  
Service Clubs  
Business**

## WHO'S ALREADY INVOLVED?

The response has been incredible! Presenters representing best practise solutions from several Canadian provinces, American states and foreign countries have already committed to the Safer Schools: Safer Communities Conference... and we have only just begun. Every day exciting, best practise initiatives are added to our list of topics. This is a Conference "to teach, and to learn"... it is a Conference that is International in scope.

We have experienced such demand for information on the Conference that we decided to put out an Early Bird Registration flyer. There will be a full Conference flyer produced in January that will provide the names, biographies, topic descriptions... but for now, we want you to know what we have already put together. This is an opportunity for early registration. Since space at the Conference is very limited, registration must be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Listed below are the National and International best practises topics already committed.

### COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACHES

- Community Justice Initiatives
- Assessment & Services for Children under 12
- Uniting Schools, Families & Communities to Promote Positive Youth Development
- Engaging Youth in Their Own Communities
- Helping Youth to Manage Risks
- Developing a Philosophy for Community Tools
- Responding to Offending by Very Young Children: Risk Identification and Risk Management
- Making the Community Kids Friendly
- The Bridging Project: Peer and Parent-Teen Mediation
- The Safe and Sound Project
- Comprehensive Approaches to Violence Prevention for Communities and Schools
- Building Community
- The Role of Community Mental Health Agencies
- Community Safety and Crime Prevention
- Interfaith Community Initiatives
- Community Safety and Mental Health Issues
- Family and Children's Services

### POLICING APPROACHES

- Community Mobilization for Safer Schools
- Threat Assessment for Extreme Acts in School
- Connections Project: Pre-Charge Referral Program
- Police/School Liaison Resource Officer Program
- Community Policing Initiatives: Municipal/OPP/RCMP

### EDUCATION APPROACHES

- Modules for High School Conflict Resolution, Negotiation, and Mediation
- Creating Peaceful Classrooms
- Discipline that Restores
- The Legal Implication of Safe Schools Acts
- The Role of School Councils in Building Community
- Wiping Out Graffiti
- Safe & Caring Schools: Approaches to Integrating Violence Prevention into Secondary Schools
- What Principals Need to Know
- Conflict Resolution
- Toward a Safe and Caring Curriculum
- Choices for Youth Expulsion Program
- Safe Schools and School Reform
- SMART Project: Sports Mediation
- A New Approach to Restorative Justice & School Discipline

### LAW (JUSTICE) APPROACHES

- Diversionary Peer Mediation Process
- Aboriginal Justice Learning Network
- Working with Youth Justice Committees
- National Crime Prevention
- The New Youth Justice Act
- A View from the Bench - Judges' Panel
- Promising Models of Crime Prevention

### GOVERNMENT APPROACHES

- Developing Safer Schools and Safer Communities
- Ontario's Safe Schools Legislation

## SAFER SCHOOLS: SAFER COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FORM

Only registered participants may attend Safer Schools: Safer Communities sessions. There will be no auditing privileges. Participation in specific sessions will be on a first-come, first-served basis, with Early Bird registrants receiving first choice for all sessions. Full session descriptions, session times, and presenter biographies, will be made available in late January... in the full Conference brochure. The full Conference brochure will be pre-mailed to all Early Bird registrants, allowing pre-selection of sessions. Registration fees include access to all sessions, the pre-Conference social, three breakfasts, four refreshment breaks, two luncheons, all special events, and the Gala dinner. For Early Bird registration, payment must be received by **January 15, 2002**. No registrations will be processed without payment. Early Bird registrants have the option of booking their own Conference accommodation, or having the Conference Committee make hotel booking arrangements for them at the Sheraton - the Conference hotel. If the Conference Committee is to make the reservations for Early Bird registrants, the full cost of the hotel + taxes must be paid at the time of registration. A special rate of \$99 (CAN) per room (single, double, triple, quad) has been negotiated for Conference participants, with the same rate applied to pre-Conference and post-Conference dates... to allow participants the opportunity to combine a holiday with the Conference. Early Bird registrants receive first call on all available rooms. Transportation to and from Kitchener, Ontario is the responsibility of the registrant, though assistance can be provided to out-of-province and out-of-country guests. The closest airport is Pearson International, on the outskirts of Toronto.

Complete the Early Bird Registration Form below, and forward with your payment to:

**Ian Barrett,**  
**Executive Director,**  
**Waterloo Education Foundation,**  
**51 Ardel Avenue,**  
**Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, N2C 2R5.**

The Waterloo Education Foundation is the charity arm of the Waterloo Region District School Board and has four mandates: to provide nutrition for hungry children; to assist alienated youth; to provide classroom enhancements, and promote best practise solutions. The motto of the Foundation is "Feeding Children: their bodies, their hearts, and their minds."

Cheques must be made payable to the WATERLOO EDUCATION FOUNDATION. Payment must be in Canadian or U.S. dollars. Though refunds are not possible for cancellations, registrants unable to attend can assign their participation to someone else. For more information, you may contact the Foundation at (519) 570-0003, ext. 4452, or visit our website at <http://wefi.wrdsb.on.ca>. You may e-mail us at [ian\\_barrett@wrdsb.on.ca](mailto:ian_barrett@wrdsb.on.ca).

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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES \$495.00(CAN) + GST (7%) = Line A **\$529.65(CAN)** **\$350.00(U.S.)**

HOTEL \$99.00(CAN) + TAX (12%) = \$110.88(CAN) or \$75.00(U.S.) X NUMBER OF NIGHTS

DATES OF STAY (dd/mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Line B \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (CAN) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (US)

TOTAL ENCLOSED (MONEY ORDER OR CHEQUE)... Add Line A + Line B **\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (CAN)** **\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (US)**

**NOTE:** Registrants paying by credit card will be charged in Canadian dollars. VISA or Mastercard will convert to the registrant's home currency.

Charge my Early Bird Registration Fees (or Fees + Hotel) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (CAN) to \_\_\_\_\_ VISA or \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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