



**Waterloo Region  
District School Board**

**Help For Haiti**



January 18, 2010

Dear Waterloo Region District School Board Students, Parents and Guardians, and Staff:

Over the last week, people around the world have been united in sadness over the tragic events as a result of the earthquake in Haiti. As a large educational organization, we are affected in many ways. A number of staff, students and members of the community have family members and friends who live in the affected areas and worry for their safety. People in the Region of Waterloo are compassionate and caring, and always respond generously to appeals for assistance in times of emergency and disaster both at home and around the world.

A *“Help for Haiti - Because We Care”* board-wide fund raising initiative has been developed. Over the next few days many of our 118 schools will be organizing fund raising efforts to support relief efforts. The Government of Canada will match dollar for dollar all donations made through these fundraising efforts. Funds raised will be channeled through the Mennonite Central Committee and the Canadian Red Cross. Both of these agencies have many years of experience in providing assistance, and over 90% of funds donated to these two charitable organizations go directly to relief efforts for short and long term recovery.

Parents, students and staff members who have not yet donated to the cause may consider donating through our school by January 26, 2010. If you choose to donate, please make your cheque payable to the ‘Mennonite Central Committee’ or to the ‘Canadian Red Cross - Haiti Earthquake’. Tax receipts will be issued by these two organizations for donations over \$10.00.

Our generous support of this relief effort will help ease the suffering of the survivors and their families in Haiti, and help them to rebuild their lives.

Sincerely,

Linda Fabi  
Director of Education

**Our School Initiatives**

*On Wednesday & Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> our Galt CI school population raised over \$1,700 for “Doctors Without Borders” in support of the Haiti relief outreach.*

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*“Help for Haiti - Because We Care” Campaign*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Mennonite Central Committee

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Canadian Red Cross - Haiti Earthquake

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque       Cash

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

*Make cheques payable to the ‘Canadian Red Cross - Haiti Earthquake’ or the ‘Mennonite Central Committee’ and return your cheque with this form to the school by January 26, 2010*