



## ***AUTHOR AND SPEAKER FOR ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOCUSES ON ANTI-BULLYING AND LITERACY***

Larry Swartz, a well-known and much sought after author, speaker and professional learning workshop leader, brought his anti-bullying through literacy message to St. Clair Catholic. This professional development opportunity was a collaboration between elementary curriculum and the Board's *Safe Schools Initiative*, in which Dr. Swartz spoke to elementary classroom teachers, along with FSL (French as a second language), music and phys. ed. teachers.

"We are pleased that Larry accepted our invitation to lead this important workshop for our teachers," says Ann Sutton, Superintendent of Education.

"Dr. Swartz embeds the principles of equity, inclusion and anti-bullying through practical classroom strategies that foster a culture of caring and community," says Deb Crawford, Superintendent of Education.

As the author of *Creating Caring Classrooms*, Dr. Swartz is committed to building respectful relationships among students, teachers and the school community. Through active, engaging and open-ended activities, participants explored ideas and relationships from different perspectives and represented those new understandings in innovative and creative ways.

Dr. Swartz has explored literature-based learning with students and teachers for more than 30 years in North America, England, New Zealand and China. As a classroom teacher, consultant and instructor with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and the University of Toronto, he has inspired colleagues and children alike to learn in new and exciting ways.

***In the photo above, Dr. Larry Swartz is pictured at the Professional Development Day at Holy Family Catholic School in Wallaceburg with (left) Lisa Demers, Principal of Special Education; and Ann Sutton, Superintendent of Education, Catholic Curriculum – Elementary.***