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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC GRADE 7 AND 8 TEACHERS PARTICIPATE IN “ASIST” TRAINING

Grade 7 and 8 teachers from across the district will participate in *Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training* (ASIST) at the Catholic Education Centre in Wallaceburg tomorrow and Friday.

“This is the most widely used suicide intervention strategy in the world,” says Paul Wubben, Director of Education.

“We are pleased to provide this training, which will give our teachers a deeper understanding of suicide and capacity in identifying those who may be at-risk for suicide attempts,” says Mr. Wubben.

ASIST is a Canadian model, which was developed in Calgary; and is a first aid response to suicide prevention, which can be used by health care professionals, as well as educators and the general public.

Staff from the Chatham-Kent branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association will provide the training, which will include instruction in key facets of the model, video-taped examples of its application in schools and clinical practice, and model updates.

The ASIST program is used by both school boards and children’s mental health providers in Chatham-Kent and Sarnia-Lambton, when identifying children at risk for suicide.

The two-day ASIST training will be held at the Catholic Education Centre, 420 Creek Street, Wallaceburg from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2013 and Friday, January 11, 2013.

Members of the media are welcome.