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Greetings,

Regarding resolution R22-05-253, which was passed at your regular council meeting on May 16, 2022 and the subsequent correspondence that we received on June 13, 2022, we felt it was important to inform you that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board has continued to offer the Grade 6 Values, Influences and Peers program at its schools.

Many schools, including Holy Name Catholic Elementary School in Essex, continued to deliver the program throughout the pandemic through a virtual on-line platform. Most recently, now that many restrictions have been lifted, the liaison officers have resumed facilitating the program in-person on several occasions at Holy Name and other Catholic schools within the last few months. In addition, the OPP officer has provided in-person education to the Grade 7 and 8 students regarding vaping.

We understand from your correspondence that Council discussed the effectiveness of this program in teaching youth positive lifestyle choices, positive social behaviour and becoming part of the greater community. We couldn't agree more, and in addition to working with the OPP, our Windsor schools are continuing to work with the Windsor Police Service by inviting them into our schools to deliver a wide range of programming.

You can learn more about our relationship with [local police services here](#).

In closing we remain committed to maintaining positive relations with our local police services so that we can continue offering the invaluable programming that they provide for our students.

Sincerely,

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