



Provincial Demonstration Schools Advocacy Committee

Provincial Demonstration Schools and their programs give children with severe learning disabilities a chance to learn to read, grow and reach their fullest potential when they return to their home schools.

Provincial Demonstration Schools teach students:

- how to read
- advocate for themselves
- use technology in the classroom

The Provincial Demonstration School Advocacy Committee worked tirelessly in early 2016 to ensure that the Provincial Demonstration Schools remained open, when the Ontario Government threatened to close the doors and halt enrolment. Few people understand or are aware that Demonstration Schools exist and what wonderful opportunities are available to children with severe learning disabilities.

We have created an awareness campaign to ensure that more teachers, principals, speech language therapists, psychologists and stakeholders across the province are educated and aware of Demonstration Schools and the success of these evidence based residential schools. Students succeed at Demonstration Schools and they return to their home schools with confidence, advocacy skills and the ability to read so they can learn alongside their peers.

If students are struggling in mainstream classrooms parents, educators as well as the team of professionals that work with that child need to know that there are other resources and programs available that will provide students with a successful learning environment.

We encourage you to review the enclosed documents located on the attached USB. We ask that you post this information at your workplace and share electronically with your colleagues, students and families to ensure that Provincial Demonstration Schools are considered as an option to teach children struggling to learn how to read.

Please help us make these schools known in the Province of Ontario as exceptional Educational Options for children with Severe Learning Disabilities. For more information on Provincial Demonstration Schools, the application process or criteria to attend a school please visit www.provincialschooladvocates.ca.

Thank you,

The Provincial Demonstration Schools Advocacy Committee



Demonstration Schools Make a Difference

Students with severe learning disabilities deserve the right to read

The Provincial Demonstration School Advocacy Committee is a group of concerned past and present parents and students, whose lives have been touched by Demonstration Schools in Ontario.