



York Catholic District School Board

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Re: Humanitarian Relief – Mexico and the Caribbean

Dear York Catholic District School Board Parent/Guardian:

Over the course of the past several weeks, hurricanes, tropical storms and violent earthquakes have devastated a number of countries in the Caribbean and Mexico.

Hurricanes Irma, Jose, Maria destroyed thousands of homes, businesses and churches and left thousands of people without water, shelter or power. Places such as Anguilla, Antigua, Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Florida, Puerto Rico, St. Martin and Turks and Caicos Islands all suffered crippling damage. As well, on September 19, a massive earthquake hit Mexico City, causing 286 deaths – just two weeks after an earthquake leveled buildings and killed at least 90 people in the Mexican state of Oaxaca. The situation remains grave for the injured and displaced.

The York Catholic District School Board is partnering with the Archdiocese of Toronto to raise funds to support those whose lives have been affected by these disasters. Funds will be sent through Catholic relief channels, including Caritas Internationalis, the official Catholic relief agency.

In the coming weeks, your child(ren)'s school will be holding a Loonie-Toonie Day to raise funds and we hope we can count on your support of this very important endeavor.

St. Michael Catholic Academy will host a Loonie-Toonie Day on Friday October 13th, 2017.

Unfortunately, our Board cannot issue tax receipts to parents for these contributions. If you wish to donate funds and receive a tax receipt for your contribution, please donate directly through the Archdiocese of Toronto website at: www.archtoronto.org.

We continue to pray for the thousands who are affected by these natural disasters and we thank you in advance for supporting the upcoming Loonie-Toonie Day at your child(ren)'s school.

Sincerely,

Carol Cotton
Chair of the Board

Patricia Preston
Director of Education