



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

## MEDIA ADVISORY



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# Prom Party Warning

## *Parents urged to discuss risks of unsafe situations with children*

(Windsor, Ontario, Friday, May 12, 2017) – Parents of high school students are being urged to talk to their children about the inherent risks of attending unsupervised after-prom parties, or ‘field parties.’

In a recorded message sent home to parents of all secondary students yesterday, it was noted that these parties are in no way endorsed or sanctioned by the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board, or any of its schools, however, it was still important to warn parents about them.

Local police have already warned that many of these parties are unsafe environments due to the fact that they are often lacking in any kind of parental supervision or licenced security. According to a news release by Essex OPP, police are often called to investigate criminal reports of assault, drug and alcohol offences, sexual assaults, thefts, mischief and other related crimes stemming from these types of parties.

The message to parents suggested that parents should discuss these parties with their children and discourage them from attending any after prom parties that do not include proper supervision.

“Proms are intended to be fun celebrations, but we also want our students to be safe,” said Communications Coordinator Stephen Fields. “The best way to do that is to avoid unsafe situations. The safety of our students is always our first priority.”

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