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On behalf of the Student Support Leadership Initiative (SSLI) Group we'd like to update you on a new bullying resource, "PREVNet" (Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network). PREVNet is Canada's authority on research and resources for bullying prevention. PREVNet is an umbrella network of 66 leading Canadian research scientists, more than 90 graduate students, and 52 youth-serving organizations.

Launched in 2006 with the Networks of Centres of Excellence, PREVNet's mission is to stop bullying in Canada and to promote safe and healthy relationships for all Canadian children and youth. Led by Scientific Co-directors Dr. Debra Pepler of York University and Dr. Wendy Craig of Queen's University, this national network is the first of its kind in Canada, providing an unprecedented national opportunity for social-cultural change.

## The **PREVNet** framework is founded on four pillars:

- The **Education Pillar** develops awareness to change attitudes and build commitment to address bullying problems among all Canadian citizens and organizations involved with children and youth.
- The **Assessment Pillar** provides universal assessment tools to evaluate the extent of bullying and/or victimization problems for children and adolescents, their families, schools, and communities.
- The **Intervention Pillar** provides guidelines to empirically-based programs and tools to reduce problems of bullying and victimization.
- The **Policy Pillar** is designed to stimulate policy development, providing guidelines for ensuring children's rights to be safe and supported in all contexts of their lives

This information can be found at [www.algomamodel.ca](http://www.algomamodel.ca) under bullying resources on the homepage. There are resources for children, teens, parents, educators and other adults.

We hope that you will be proactive in sharing this material with your staff and parents. Please consider:

- placing this in school newsletter;
- placing on your school's website;
- sharing at staff meetings;
- sharing with Parent Involvement Committee
- sharing with Student Council



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