

**Pam Damoff, M.P.**  
**Oakville North-Burlington**



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Dear Principal,

Recently I had an opportunity to learn about the wonderful program run by the education team at Halton Women's Place called Healthy Relationships = Healthy Communities. I wanted to make sure you and your staff were aware of this incredible resource.

The general theme is violence prevention through education. The program offers presentations in grades 1 through 12 with the purpose of educating students about issues surrounding domestic and intimate partner violence. Issues such as gender stereotypes, healthy masculinity, technology in relationships, changing relationships, healthy friendships, conflict resolution, break-ups, the mental health impacts of domestic violence, childhood exposure to domestic violence, domestic violence and the law, and power and privilege. Further details of all programming offered can be found here: [hwpeducation.edublogs.org/presentationtopics/](http://hwpeducation.edublogs.org/presentationtopics/).

As part of my committee work as Vice Chair of the Status of Women Committee, we recently tabled a study addressing violence perpetrated against young women and girls in our society, and I have heard from many experts in the field that engaging men in the conversation about violence against women is an incredibly important step towards changing cultural attitudes. Not all men are abusers, but 99% of abusers are men. This is something we need to change by including men in the conversation. EngageMENT was created to address the education gap for many young men, who are not often taught the fundamentals of violence against women, and thus are much more likely to participate in the continued culture of violence against women.

In order to get more information about this program, and book a facilitation, please contact Brent Duguid, Public Educator for Halton Women's Place at [bduguid@haltonwomensplace.com](mailto:bduguid@haltonwomensplace.com), or 905-878-0386 x325.

Sincerely,

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