

Each student is unique...all students can achieve. Our commitment is to every student.

# Supporting Student Success

Learning for All

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## Have You Heard about Premier Assistive Technology?



Premier Assistive Technology increases opportunities for student success by creating an environment of inclusion, independence and empowerment. All students can access Premier Assistive Technology on any computer in their school.

Premier Assistive Technology provides many features that are useful in supporting student learning; for instance, the *Talking Word Processor* is an easy-to-use and powerful learning tool. Here's an overview of what this tool can do:

- The 250,000 word integrated dictionary allows the user to look up and read the definition of a word simply by double-clicking on it.
- A built-in summarization tool quickly and efficiently digests large volumes of text-based content in both English and French, whether it's a range of pages or an entire document.
- As a study aid, the user can select and highlight text within your document to emphasize key points. Highlighted text can be extracted into a separate document to be used as con-

densed study notes for quizzes, tests, and exams.

- The talking word prediction tool helps users when composing and writing. Navigate through the prediction list and hear each word being read then simply select from the list the word you want inserted into the document.
- With the press of a single key, users can hear text as it is typed and the "word repeat" feature repeats the word after it has been typed. "Sentence repeat" will automatically read the entire sentence upon completion.

To further explore the potential of *Premier Assistive Technology*, a 30-day trial for home use can be downloaded from the Premier website— <http://www.readingmadeeasy.ca/trial/>

Contact your school's In-school Resource Teacher to learn more about the capabilities and use of *Premier Assistive Technology* to support your child's learning.

## Safe, Effective & Respectful Learning Environments for All



Across Ontario schools, there is a common focus on making schools safer by:

- promoting positive student behaviour;
- providing early and ongoing intervention;
- preventing inappropriate behaviour; and
- addressing inappropriate behaviour with appropriate consequences.

Schools have shifted away from an approach that is solely punitive to one that involves **progressive discipline**, an approach that corrects inappropriate behaviour and offers multiple supports.

Progressive discipline means:

- Principals will consider the most appropriate way to respond to each situation;
- Students will have more opportunities to learn from the choices they make;
- Parents will be made aware and will soon have more opportu-

nities to be involved.

### Bill 157— "Keeping Our Kids Safe at School Act"

This new legislation comes into effect on February 1, 2010. Changes will enhance the ongoing work in schools to ensure safe, effective and respectful learning and working environments for all students and staff. Highlights include:

- **Required reporting** of inappropriate student behaviour that may be considered for suspension or expulsion by all staff to the principal;
- **Required response** by all employees who regularly work with students to inappropriate behaviour;
- **Supports for students** who are victims of serious incidents, and their parents; and
- **Training at your child's school** for all staff.

Speak to your school principal to learn more about safe school plans in your school community.

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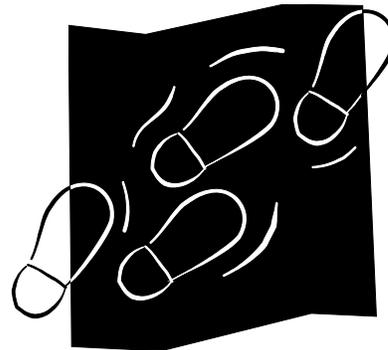
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You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

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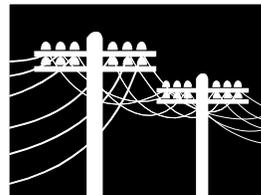
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*This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.*

*It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.*

## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words. If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

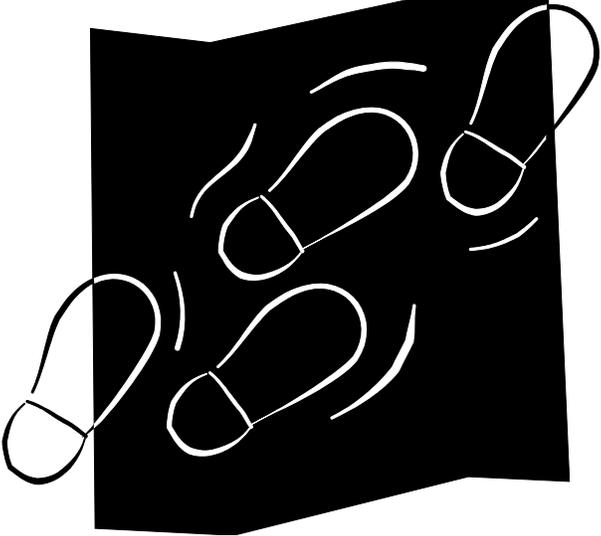
If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a

regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to

insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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