

Dear Clara Hughes Community,

During the Thanksgiving season, when we traditionally take time to give thanks, we write to express our personal gratitude. Thank you to our parents and guardians for having faith in Clara Hughes Public School and for sending us your beautiful children. Your children come with strong values, respect, tolerance, and appreciation. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring their success and our success as we continue to work in partnership. Please take time this weekend to pause and reflect with your family about all the things in your life that you are grateful for. We know as we reflect this weekend, we will be reflecting on how grateful we are to be working in such a wonderful community!

Please see below for your weekly updates:

Durham Black Educators Network: Elevate and Expand: Coaching for Excellence

With our continuous focus on *optimizing educational experiences*, Durham Black Educators' Network (DBEN) has created *Elevate and Expand: Coaching for Excellence*. This new initiative is our Culturally Relevant and Responsive, virtual tutoring support program, for Durham District School Board **students in Grades 6 – 12** who identify as a part of Durham's Black diaspora. Strengthening our commitment to enhancing academic equitable outcomes, DBEN has partnered with DDSB's Student Achievement and Curriculum Department to provide *complimentary* tutoring support.

Virtual 1:1 support will be offered through Google Meet. Our gap closing initiative will provide students with sessions up to 3 hours per week. Students will be matched with tutors based on academic strengths and needs, and our tutors' teaching qualifications. Elementary students' sessions will run throughout the year and Secondary students' sessions will be based on quadesters.

Families are kindly asked to complete the *Elevate & Expand: Coaching for Excellence Registration Form*, including the media release by October 15th. Our DBEN Tutoring Coordinator will be in contact to finalize the intake process.

[Elevate & Expand: Coaching for Excellence](#)
[Registration Form](#)

Sessions will begin during the week of October 26th.

For more information, please send your inquiries to DBENtutoring@gmail.com.

Black Youth Helpline National: Announces Canada Wide Stay in School Initiative

The Black Youth Helpline (National Helpline for Canadian Youth) is pleased to provide this update to your School District regarding the continued expansion of Stay-In-School supports to youth, parents and schools across Canadian provinces!

Founded in Winnipeg, Manitoba, expanded into Ontario and then into four (4) provinces in 2017, the work of our organization is now national from coast to coast across Canada effective June 2020. Our goal however remains helping vulnerable youth remain and succeed in schools as key strategy towards effective citizenship.

Youth, parents & school districts are encouraged to reach out to our National Helpline for culturally appropriate support:

Time: 9 am-10 pm EST, X 7 days/week:

Contact numbers: 416-285-9944 and Toll Free: 1-833-294-8650 or

Email us: Info@blackyouth.ca OR submit the Contact Us form on our website.

Please see the attached flyer: [Black Youth National help line.pdf](#)

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Weekend!

Your Admin Team,

Sharon Knights and David Budd