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# News Release

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## A Conference Just for Parents

School councils are groups of volunteers who are dedicated to helping students succeed in DSBN schools. The participation of these volunteers, which include parents, grandparents, and community members is both valued and encouraged by the District School Board of Niagara.

All DSBN parents and school council members are invited to a **free Parent Conference**, featuring a day of learning, sharing and networking with other parents and school staff. The day is hosted by the DSBN School Council Liaison Committee.

In support of this year's theme, "**Engaging Parents in Education**", popular author and educator Betty Boulton's keynote address will focus on ways that parents and educators can build educational bridges for the benefit of students. "Education must be a collaborative venture between parents and educators," explains Boulton.

Engaging workshops complement the theme of the conference. From information on programs such as "**Transition to Secondary School**", "**Specialist High Skills Majors**" and "**Scientists in Schools**", to student safety including, "**Cyberbullying**" and "**Safe Schools**", to and other timely topics such as "**Environmental Footprint**" and "**Youth Gambling**", the workshops are sure to be of value to parents and school council members.

Rounding out the day is a free lunch, a vendor fair and a chance to win great prizes!

**When:** Saturday, October 20, 2007

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Eastdale Secondary School - 170 Wellington Street, Welland Ontario

Parking available on site - fully accessible

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** Janice Webber, 905-641-2929 ext. 4136

### Program of Events:

**8:45 - 9:00 a.m.:** *Welcome* - Kevin Maves, Chair, Lynn Campbell and Gregg Dame, Trustees & Sue Greer, Superintendent of Schools

**9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** *Keynote Address* - Dr. Betty Boulton - "Engaging Parents in Education"

**12:30 - 1:00 p.m.** *Boxed Lunch* (Provided by Eastdale Secondary School Culinary Arts Program)

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.** *Workshops*

**2:00 - 2:30 p.m.** *Tribal Thunder*

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