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PSI Renews Its Commitment to Peace Education in 2023

Halifax, NS – Peaceful Schools International (PSI) is renewing its commitment to promoting peace education within its partner schools. The non-profit organization is looking forward to engaging its network of schools worldwide to ensure more students learn the skills and strategies needed to create a culture of peace in their classrooms and beyond.

Emerging from the Covid-19 pandemic, PSI shares the same concerns of countless organizations; the world is suffering from an increase in hazardous environments, unresolved complex injustices, and a loss of social learning that only takes place when youth interact with others in school. The opportunity for students to mature into caring citizens was reduced over the past three years, but PSI believes educators can reactivate this awareness by making peace a focal point in the school environment.

In 2023, PSI partners can look forward to a renewed approach to their membership benefits through fresh resources and activities for creating a culture of peace. These resources will be readily accessible to teachers and have a significant impact on students. In addition, the members of the PSI Board of Directors plan to expand the organization's network of peaceful schools into new global regions by developing strategic programs that create lasting peace in classrooms and schoolwide.

“Never in the history of PSI has it been this important to teach young people the strategies and tools needed to resolve conflicts, to get along with others, and to engage with ideas different from one's own. Learning how we treat others matters as much as the academic skills we acquire, and PSI membership gives schools the opportunity to create a sense of enlightened citizenry among students that begins in their own classrooms,” says PSI founder, Hetty van Gorp.

PSI will be reaching out to schools that have previously engaged in PSI initiatives to discuss their interest in renewing their partnership with PSI. School communities interested in becoming a member can reach out to peacefulschoolsintl@gmail.com to begin the process.

“The Board would like to thank all those who have supported PSI programming in the past and we look forward to building strong partnerships in the future with those who share our vision.” says Board President, Michaela Peters.

Peaceful Schools International is a Canadian non-profit organization founded in 2001 and is dedicated to providing a safe, inclusive network of peaceful schools. PSI works towards peace education being a part of the core curriculum in all educational institutions. PSI provides practical and effective peace education resources, used by staff and students within our member schools and elsewhere.

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