

CPR and defibrillator training launches in Peel high schools



CPR training

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Students Connor Batista (left) and Aliyah Mair-Reid demonstrate their life-saving skills, while teacher Sam Papaconstantinou supervises at a launch event for Advanced Coronary Treatment's (ACT) CPR and defibrillator training program for Peel high school students. The event kicked off at Father Michael Goetz Catholic Secondary School on Friday, Feb. 17.

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A campaign to equip Peel secondary students with the tools to save a life kicked off Friday, Feb. 17 at Father Michael Goetz Catholic Secondary School.

In partnership with the Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation, a Canadian nonprofit, and its community partners, ACT's High School CPR and Defibrillator Training Program launched in more than 60 Peel schools.

Some 17,000 students will benefit from the program, which will take place at Goetz, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Roch secondary schools as well as Clarkson, Bramalea and John Fraser secondary schools, to name a few.

As part of the initiative, teachers will be using 1,740 mannequins and 232 defibrillator training units donated by a number of community partners, including local Lions and Rotary clubs in Mississauga and Brampton.

During the launch event at Father Goetz, Marianne Mazzorato, education director for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, thanked donors for their support, acknowledging that students have been given a "very valuable, lifelong skill."

Jeff deFreitas, Peel District School Board co-ordinating superintendent, also shared his gratitude, noting that it is reassuring to know that "we will have so many (who) will be ready, if ever the situation called for someone to step up and take action."

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