

THE CEPEO'S PRIORITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

For several years, the CEPEO has had the chance to participate in the Ministry of Education of Ontario's Priority Schools Initiative in order to help promote the well-being of children and young people after school. This program is also related to the province's Poverty Reduction Strategy framework.

The priority schools initiative provides non-profit community groups with access, free of charge, to schools outside of school hours in neighbourhoods where the need is greatest. Services must be oriented around physical activity, good nutrition, well-being and personal care. The schools provide classrooms, gymnasiums, libraries, etc. with no rental fees. This initiative makes school spaces more accessible to the community in order to encourage dynamic, healthy lifestyles and create a better quality of life for residents.

THE CEPEO HAS IDENTIFIED FOUR PRIORITY SCHOOLS:

- École élémentaire publique **MARIE-CURIE**
at 860 Colson Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K1G 1R7
- École élémentaire publique **LE TRILLIUM**
at 307 Montgomery St., Vanier, Ontario K1L 7W8
- École élémentaire publique **CHARLOTTE-LEMIEUX**
at 2093 Bel-Air Dr., Ottawa, Ontario K2C 0X2
- École secondaire publique **OMER-DESLAURIERS**
at 159 Chesterton Dr., Nepean, Ontario K2E 7E6

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