

Ottawa Catholic School Board response to the Coroner's Inquest into the death of Eric Leighton

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Personal statement from Julian Hanlon, Director of Education:

“Eric Leighton died as a result of an injury sustained at Mother Teresa High School. Eric’s family suffered the loss of a wonderful son and brother. There are no words to express the sadness that we feel and that I have personally expressed to Sheri and Pat Leighton. The Mother Teresa school community also experienced the loss of Eric’s presence and friendship and continues to pray for him and the peace and comfort of his family.

Sadly, nothing can bring Eric back. We are committed to the safety of our students and will work each and every day going forward to ensure that what happened to Eric never happens again.

The Ottawa Catholic School Board remains devoted to the success of each and every one of our students. We strive to be education sector leaders in school safety, complying with all Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Education guidelines and directives as well as respecting the recommendation of the Coroner’s Inquest.

We continue to offer prayerful support for the Leighton family and the Mother Teresa community.”

Also released: ***Action taken to date by the Ottawa Catholic School Board after the death of Eric Leighton***

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