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Manitouwadge High School Participates in Passport to Safety Challenge to Win Much Video Dance

MARATHON, Ontario – Manitouwadge High School with 99% of its students registered and completing the Passport to Safety Challenge has chalked up the highest participation rate of any school in Ontario. For this excellent effort, an all-expense paid Much Video Dance has been awarded the school from Passport to Safety.

The Board of Trustees congratulate the students and staff and commend this school community for its commitment to safety. Awareness and respect for the hazards that exist in industrial workplaces is an issue that commands diligence on the part of the students and those at Manitouwadge High School are applauded for their achievement.

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99% of Manitouwadge High School Students Complete Passport to Safety Challenge – School Wins Much Video Dance

Toronto – Northern Ontario’s Manitouwadge High School has won an all-expense paid Much Video Dance from Passport to Safety. The prize was the result of 99% of Manitouwadge students completing the Passport to Safety Challenge, the highest of any school in Ontario.

Passport to Safety held the competition, which ran from September 7, 2004 to January 31, 2005 to encourage schools to provide basic workplace safety awareness to their entire student bodies. In order to be counted in the competition, students had to achieve their Passport to Safety certificate by successfully completing the Passport to Safety Challenge for Teens. The school with the highest percentage of their student body with a Passport to Safety certificate was awarded the prize of a Much Video Dance, donated by Much Music.

Manitouwadge High School Principal Valerie Newton commended Andy Graham, Vice Principal and teacher, Yvonne MacNeill on their leadership, initiative and teamwork in reaching the goal and extended congratulations to students for a job well done.

Vice-Principal Graham, stated, “We are very proud of our students. They have done a great job. We are very excited about the Passport to Safety Program, since most young people do not get many opportunities to receive any basic safety training. I would like to thank all of the staff, especially Mrs. MacNeill for doing such a great job organizing the activity throughout the school.”

Delhi District Secondary School placed second with 84% students completed and Fort Erie Secondary School placed third with 58%. St. Mary’s College in Sault Ste. Marie placed fourth overall with 48% completion, but earned an honourable mention by having the highest total number of students complete the test in any school (405 students).

Ontario secondary schools can access Passport to Safety Challenges for their students at no cost, the result of funding by The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. For further details contact Passport to Safety at info@passporttosafety.com or (905)627-8466.

Launched in November of 2003, Passport to Safety is a unique, not-for-profit, cross-Canada catalyst for change intended to help eliminate needless injuries and preventable deaths of young Canadians. Workers challenge online tests that ensure understanding of the safety basics they need to know before they receive their employers’ workplace specific safety training. For further information visit the website at www.passporttosafety.com.

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