



## CDSBEO EMPOWER APP



“The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario has partnered with InTouch Mobile, to develop an anti-bullying and community outreach app entitled CDSBEO EMPOWER. Created in response to new Safe Schools legislation, the mobile application gives students and parents an avenue to quickly, conveniently and anonymously report incidents of bullying and victimization in schools.

Research has indicated that this form of communication has empowered students and parents by greatly increasing the number of incidents reported, compared to all other reporting vehicles in place. The app is free for users, and can be accessed through various means including a cell phone that is capable of texting, by calling a toll-free number, or through a web chat. The service links to a live, trained operator who will respond to concerns during business hours, with an automated system setup for after hours.

Once the concern is submitted, a report is generated (within 2 minutes) and forwarded via email to the school administrator(s) for investigation and follow-up. If an operator senses a need for immediate response, a phone call will accompany any emails.

CDSBEO EMPOWER will also serve as a tool for community outreach, communicating Board news, student transportation information, and school news and announcements.

The tool is available for use for all CDSBEO students in grades 7 through 12 now. To download the app, please search “CDSBEO Empower” in your app store, for iOS and Android”