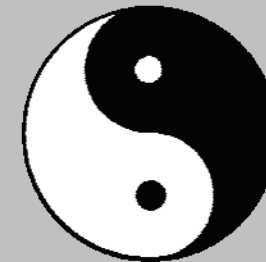


## Student Voice

### Safe Learning Environments through Peer Mediation ...

#### About the program ...

Each year, a group of approximately twenty students at Elmvale District High School are trained in peer mediation and associated problem-solving techniques. Students experiencing problems or difficulties are given the opportunity to engage in peer mediation. Following all mediations, agreements are drafted, placed in sealed envelopes and stored. At designated times, peer mediators follow up on progress to provide on-going support for other students.



From Conflict to Resolution

#### Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- Peer mediation supports the goal of a safe learning environment for all students.
- Students have developed trust in the peer mediation process.
- Students gain a sense of empowerment from the ability to resolve a variety of challenging issues.
- Teachers are comfortable referring problems to the students and students benefit from this trust.
- The parent community is particularly supportive of peer mediation as an avenue to reduce the incidence of bullying and to support youth in their community in building trusting relationships.

#### Testimonials ...

“Peer mediation is a great way for students to help students resolve their differences.”

– Student at EDHS

“Apart from their upbringing, nothing impacts the thoughts and actions of adolescents as much as the influence of their peers. When that influence is of a positive nature, the results are very powerful. When applied to the process of peer mediation, this also negates the issue of mistrust.”

– Randy Bauer, Principal of EDHS

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