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Attention:

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We're so proud of the outstanding efforts made by schools across Ontario to ensure they are healthy schools. We are excited to announce that 274 schools, representing 49 of 72 school boards, have received Ophea's Healthy Schools Certification and have been certified as Gold (148), Silver (83) and Bronze (43)! For more information on the certified healthy schools in your board please view our [Certified School List](#) and for overall data on the initiative view our [provincial infographic](#).

Ophea's Healthy Schools Certification recognizes and celebrates school communities for promoting and enhancing the health and well-being of students, school staff, and the broader community. Participating schools across Ontario completed the 6-Step Healthy Schools Process, which aligns with the Ministry of Education's *Foundations for a Healthy School* resource and the *Well-Being Strategy for Education*.

We hope you will celebrate and recognize the schools in your board that completed certification by sending them a recognition letter ([here's a link to a recognition template](#)). We've also developed [a set of images you can download](#) to use on your website, newsletters, and social media to share this exciting news with colleagues, key stakeholders, and school communities.

We are looking forward to continuing to reach more schools with Healthy Schools Certification in the upcoming school year. Registration will open Tuesday, September 3, 2019. For further information on this initiative, including how to register or questions about this year's participating schools, please visit [www.ophea.net/HSCertification](http://www.ophea.net/HSCertification) or email [healthyschools@ophea.net](mailto:healthyschools@ophea.net).

Yours in active health,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CR", written over a white background.

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*Ophea is a charitable organization that champions healthy, active living in schools and communities through quality programs and services, partnerships and advocacy, and is led by the vision that all children and youth value and enjoy the lifelong benefits of healthy, active living. [www.ophea.net](http://www.ophea.net)*