

# Press Release

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## École publique Odyssee and the City of North Bay join forces to fight bullying

**North Bay, November 20, 2012** – On November 9th, a group of students attending *École publique Odyssee* was invited to join the mayor of North Bay, Mr. Al McDonald, in signing an official proclamation to fight bullying.

By so doing, the City of North Bay recognizes that bullying happens in our community, but that by joining forces, we can all contribute to helping eliminate this behaviour among young people and thus fight this social phenomenon.

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, the teacher in charge of this *NONabullying* project (Say NO to Bullying), Sylvie Vannier, and its student-leaders, Ozzie Kirkby, Cassidy Villeneuve, Pascale Poulin, Kaitlin Sargent and Miguel Palmer, were also asked to make a presentation at the City Council meeting. The students seized the opportunity to give an overview of the program developed at their school and to challenge other schools in the area to implement strategies to reduce bullying and improve the quality of life of young people in their environment.

The initiative launched at *École publique Odyssee* promotes awareness of bullying in the school. In fact, the *NONabullying* project follows the previous initiative launched in September 2010, entitled “Speak up: take your place-everyone is unique”. The positive effects of this project led to the development of *NONabullying* in September 2011 by a group of students and staff.

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*(From left to right in attached picture):*

*Miguel Palmer, Al McDonald (mayor of North Bay), Ozzie Kirkby, Pascale Poulin (Odyssee Student Parliament Prime Minister), Kaitlin Sargent, Cassidy Villeneuve*

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