



## Peel Elementary Teachers' Local

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### **The Peel Elementary Teachers' Local celebrates the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grade 8 Girls' Career Conference**

On Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, 170 Grade 8 students and their female mentors will descend upon the University of Toronto Mississauga for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual PETL Grade 8 Girls' Career Conference. On the Friday evening of this overnight conference, participants will complete a True Colours personality workshop to learn more about their interests and skills, and will get to know students from twenty-one Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon schools. They will also participate in an entertaining evening with Canadian jazz singer Julie Crochetière, who will speak about her music career, and the importance of following your dreams.

On Saturday, the students will attend career information sessions given by female speakers working in a variety of occupational fields, including law enforcement, health, environmental, trades, sales, service, financial and engineering. The adult mentors, who include teachers and parents, will participate in sessions relevant to understanding the needs of grade 8 female students. The parents will attend lectures on "Getting Ready for Grade 9" and "Dealing with Adolescents". Keynote speaker, Pauline Kelly, will wrap up the conference on Saturday afternoon, sharing the attributes that contribute to personal and professional success.

The conference is organized every year by the Status of Women Committee of the Peel Elementary Teachers' Local and is fully funded by the Teachers' Local. "It is important today, more than ever, to help educate young women about different career options and the paths to get there. It is essential to open their eyes to the many possibilities of post-secondary opportunities that are available to them." says Nora Cliff, Chair, Status of Women Committee.

Special thanks go out to the teachers and guidance counselors that organize the registration of students from their schools, as well as to those teachers and parents who volunteer their weekend to attend with students.

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