

HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD DISCOVERING OPPORTUNITIES

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with information on the Discovering Opportunities program that is currently being offered at Graham Creighton Junior High and the learning experiences that students are benefitting from as a result of participating in this program.

BACKGROUND: Discovering Opportunities (DO) is a Grade 9 program designed for students who may not be successful in high school without additional academic and motivational support at the junior high level. Students in the Discovering Opportunities Program attend the core courses as a cohort in an integrated project-based environment. Students participate in activities to enhance personal growth, academic skills, and personal and career goal setting. Discovering Opportunities builds on the success of the Options and Opportunities (O₂) Program but is not intended as a pathway to the O₂ Program.

CONTENT: There will be a presentation describing the Discovering Opportunities program at this junior high school. This will include a PowerPoint showing pictures of students participating in a range of community based learning experiences and a brief video produced by the students.

COST: N/A

FUNDING: The Discovering Opportunities Program is currently funded through a grant received from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

TIMELINE: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended the Governing Board accept this report on Discovering Opportunities for information purposes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

AUDIENCE	RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
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