

Montreal, February 27th, 2008

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of endorsement for a project that Mr. Ricaardoe Di Done from Theodone Publisher has put together in order to eradicate a pressing social problem that is affecting our youth – street gangs.

I am a Commissioner for the English Montreal School Board and I am the Chair of the Adult Education and Vocational Services Advisory Committee as well as a Member of the Education and Facilities Committee.

I have read the book *Youth and Street Gangs: Drugs, Prostitution and other Forms of Violence* that Mr. Di Done has produced and firmly believe that this book should be in the hands of every 10 year old boy and girl in Canada. We want this book to be accessible to our students because its goal is to prevent this plague by sensitizing youth, their parents and the professionals concerned with this problem about how children become attracted to youth gangs and how to prevent that from happening.

We know that funding is available for such wonderful endeavors and we simply ask that the money be made accessible so that we can ensure that the book *Youth and Street Gangs* is offered to us and to the students.

The book is available in English and in French. I am more than ready to work together with the French School Board to put forth a common front and fight against the negative influences that invade our children's lives. It is important to intervene NOW before the problem and the unfortunate consequences that ensue become so overwhelming that we will be faced with seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

I would be more than happy to discuss my support for this project with anyone who requires more information.

Sincerely,



Frank Di Cesare
Commissioner
English Montreal School Board