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Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 5 students:

Durham Lives! and its community partners are pleased to provide all students in Grade 5 with a **Grade 5 Action Pass**.

As part of the *Durham Lives!* community-wide strategy, all grade 5 students in Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington & Brock as well as students who would like to access the Durham Family YMCA will be provided with an Action Pass which will grant them free access to both public swim & public skate times, which would normally require an admission fee.

With the Grade 5 Action Pass, Durham Lives! aims to generate an interest in fun activity that may carry on into future years, to help build and maintain a regular commitment to fun physical activity throughout the teen years, as well as to help address the rising obesity & inactivity being experienced in this age group. As well, Grade 5 students are at an age when they are independent, but still enjoy family activities. This pass also enables parents to invite classmates (peers) to join them without imposing added costs.

It is our hope that the students in Grade 5 will take advantage of this unique opportunity that has been provided by our many community partners.

To activate your child's Grade 5 Action Pass, please visit your local recreation complex. **You will need to bring your proof of address, proof of your child's date of birth as well as this letter or a Grade 5 Action Pass postcard.** Each Grade 5 student will receive their own recreation facility photo access card.

Please visit your local recreation facility for current public swim & skate schedules. The municipal websites have been included below.

- Ajax – www.townofajax.com
- Clarington – www.clarington.net
- Oshawa – www.oshawa.ca
- Pickering – www.cityofpickering.com
- Whitby – www.town.whitby.on.ca
- Brock – www.townshipofbrock.ca

For more information, please call 905-668-7711 ext 2989 / Toll free 1-800-841-2729.

Sincerely,

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