



Statement Regarding Student Voices on Sexual Violence Survey Results

This week the Ontario Government released a summary report on the results of the Student Voices on Sexual Violence Survey. This voluntary survey, which was administered last year to Ontario post-secondary education students at both Colleges and Universities, queried students about their experiences with sexual violence.

Given the extreme importance of this issue, Sault College actively promoted the survey to students because we believe their feedback is an essential component in bettering and strengthening our campus, our policies and our supports. During this time, many supports – both on and off campus – were available to students.

We know that sexual violence is a societal problem that can occur on college campuses and it is one that we take seriously. The safety of our staff and students is of utmost importance and we remain focused on creating and maintaining a campus that is free from sexual violence or harassment.

The feedback received from the survey is extremely valuable and we thank all of the students who chose to participate and share their perspective and experiences. We are committed to thoroughly reviewing the survey results so that we may better understand the experiences students have shared and, in turn, adjust and enhance our supports accordingly.

Our College is focused on fostering a respectful college community, to providing an appropriate level of protection and taking all necessary steps to guard against violence and harassment. To complement this, in 2016 Sault College developed its Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence Policy and Protocol which has been supported by the implementation of multi-pronged approach to prevention and support.

We acknowledge and appreciate that there is always room for improvement in this important area, and as such, analyzing the data is a top priority. It is through this analysis that we may better understand the experiences students have shared and ensure that those who experience it get the support they need and deserve.

The College is fiercely committed to doing all that we can to prevent sexual violence, and in addition to reviewing the results we will also take the opportunity to review our policy, our education and information programs and our student supports to better meet the needs of our students. And, perhaps most importantly, we will continue to work with our student leaders to ensure that sexual violence has no place on our campus.

We thank all students who willingly shared their experiences through this survey, and we remain focused on using these to continue to make positive changes on our campus.

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