





Okanagan



A PREVENTATIVE APPROACH TO SCHOOL **DISENGAGEMENT AIMED AT HELPING STUDENTS** REDUCE BARRIERS TO RESILIENCY, BOTH AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME.

DEAR **PARENTS/GUARDIANS** AND STUDENTS.

On November 25, 2025 Grade 8 students at École KLO Middle School will have an opportunity to participate in the Upstream Student Needs Assessment.

It is a confidential questionnaire that will take about 20 minutes to complete and will be administered during school hours.

This assessment will be offered to all Grade 8 students, please note it is not mandatory for them to complete.

WHAT IS UPSTREAM **KELOWNA?**

- A locally adapted model of "Upstream Canada". a research initiative aimed at ending youth homelessness across Canada through early intervention practices
- A cross-sector, collaborative, youth driven approach to wrap-around services
- An innovative, evidence-based method
- Uncovers hidden needs or barriers to resilience
- Increases opportunities to access a wide range of services to promote health and well-being in students and families

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KELOWNA

CONNECTION TO SERVICES

Employment Support Emotional Regulation

Housing

Mentorship

Family Mediation

Mental Health Support



Gr. 8 students participate



of students are identified (100% offered a check in)



of those identified get connected to Upstream support



This couldn't have come at a better time, we didn't know where to look for help and Upstream came to us.

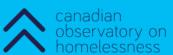
Parent of an Upstream Participant



Upstream has connected me to a person that connects to me and engages in who I am as a person and makes me feel safe and secure when talking to them.

Upstream Participant

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