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WESTMOUNT STUDENTS TAKE THE SURVIVOR CHALLENGE

HAMILTON, ON – May 4, 2010 – As part of national Emergency Preparedness Week, 30 local students at Westmount Secondary School will participate in a mock emergency simulation on Friday May 7, 2010. In partnership with Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, the City of Hamilton Emergency Management Program and Emergency Management Ontario, this event will encourage youth to better prepare themselves and their families for emergencies.

Students will rely solely on the contents of their emergency kit as they spend the night in their school in a mock evacuation centre set up by the Canadian Red Cross. Throughout the evening students will be engaged in a variety of activities and presentations by the City of Hamilton Emergency Management Program, the City of Hamilton Public Health Department, Emergency Management Ontario and the Canadian Red Cross. Highlights include evacuee registration, personal and pet emergency preparedness, risks in Hamilton, and pandemic preparedness. In the morning, breakfast will be provided by The Salvation Army at the mock evacuation centre.

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend the official opening of this event with Dan Hefkey, Chief of Emergency Management Ontario and Jim Kay, General Manager/Chief of Hamilton Emergency Services at Westmount Secondary School, 39 Montcalm Drive, Hamilton on May 7, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

Emergency Preparedness Week runs from May 2, 2010 to May 8, 2010. The City of Hamilton Emergency Management Program encourages all citizens to better educate and prepare themselves for emergencies. Visit our Emergency Management website at www.hamilton.ca/emergency for more information.

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