

## **Dear Teacher:**

On behalf of the Character Community Foundation or York Region, we would like to provide you with an opportunity to continue to support **Character Development** in an **integrated approach** within your school community. The following resource package **offers Lesson Plans** for each division with additional instructional materials for integrating **Media Literacy with Character Development** using sport as the topic for discussion.

For centuries, **participation in sport** has been associated with the **development of moral character**. The Character Community Foundation recognized the potential for our schools to enhance our character development opportunities through sport and as a result, a Character in Sport committee was formed. Members of this committee approached expert teachers to create **engaging and insightful lessons** based on Media Literacy expectations.

By dedicating a few classroom periods to the carefully planned instructional opportunities, **you and your students will benefit** from this integrated approach. In addition to the lessons, a **Community Contest** is available to all students **through a** "**Take Home**" **task** that can be completed with a parent or guardian. Students who submit their work to the Character in Sport Committee will be **eligible for a prize**. Teachers that execute the Character in Sport lessons with their students will be given an **opportunity to receive recognition** for their efforts as well.

**Thank you**, in advance, for your time and consideration to the successful implementation of the Character in Sport Lessons and Community Contest.

Lesson Plans, Resources and the Community Contest can be downloaded from the web at **www.charactercommunity.com**.

Sincerely,

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