

On Your Mark



Tutoring Program for children of
Portuguese and Spanish speaking
descent
started 2001

Schools



Toronto District School Board

Toronto Catholic District School Board

- ✓ 105 Schools Participating
- ✓ 7 After School Locations
- ✓ 2 Saturday High School Locations
- ✓ 240 Students Enrolled
- ✓ 33 Students on Waiting List
- ✓ 203 Volunteer Tutors/Mentors/Site Leads



Toronto District School Board

Toronto Catholic District School Board

- ✓ Financial Contributions
- ✓ Free Use of Schools for Program Delivery
- ✓ 11 Schools Available For:
 - ✓ After School and Saturday Tutoring Sessions
 - ✓ Tutor Training Sessions and Parent Workshops
 - ✓ *On Your Mark* Student Graduation Ceremony



Partnerships



York University Teachers College

University of Toronto Concurrent Program

Concurrent Program

- ✓ 54 Teacher Candidates over the past 3 years
- ✓ Tutor Supervisors at the after school sites
- ✓ Liaison with parents, teachers, administrators
- ✓ Assist with research, lesson planning



Portuguese and Spanish Student Associations

- ✓ York University
- ✓ University of Toronto
- ✓ Ryerson University

Adopt-A-Student Day

- ✓ Allowing Portuguese/Spanish speaking high school students the opportunity to shadow a university student for the day
- ✓ Over the past three years 200 grade 11 and 12 students have participated
- ✓ Objective of Adopt-A-Student Day is to demystify the fears of university life



Community Support



- ✓ Frontier College
 - ✓ Developed original tutor training program *On Your Mark* has used since 2001
- ✓ Portuguese Canadian Lawyers Association (PCLA)
- ✓ Hispanic Ontario Lawyers Association (HOLA)
 - ✓ Partnership in creation of scholarship for *On Your Mark* students
- ✓ Luso Golf
 - ✓ Annual Donation for Adopt a Student Day
- ✓ TD Bank and RBC
 - ✓ Sponsorships of \$2,000-\$5,000





- Community Colleges (Seneca, George Brown, Humber)
 - ✓ Tutor recruitment , youth workshops, parent workshops
- U of T Faculty of Applied Sciences and Engineering
 - ✓ Two team of engineering students developing science kits to be used in tutoring sessions
- People for Education
 - ✓ Providing parenting workshops
- United Way of Toronto York Region and Peel