

Chinook's Edge welcomes new Safety Coordinator, and launches Hour Zero emergency management program



"I am excited to work with school leaders and staffs to ensure each school has safety needs met. Safety has always been a priority for me, as an educator, so this role feels like such a good fit," says Suzanne Thibault, Safety Coordinator.

"I am looking forward to helping the division continue to be compliant with provincial and federal legislation, and in a way that is understandable for everyone. We want our employees to understand what their rights as workers are, as well as their responsibilities, because that awareness will help us all work together to have our schools and division be safe for students and staff."

Some of Thibault's responsibilities include:

- ensuring first aid training occurs at each school
- managing fire extinguisher maintenance and replacements
- review of general health and safety, including overseeing incidents that occur and ensuring any changes that are needed in the system occur
- management of hazardous wastes from biology and chemistry labs
- inspection of playgrounds
- overseeing the division's new Hour Zero emergency response program.

In September 2024, Chinook's Edge welcomed Suzanne Thibault to the role of Safety Coordinator. Most recently, Thibault was working as Vice-Principal at Beacon Hill School in Sylvan Lake..

"We are very excited to have Suzanne take on the role of Safety Coordinator," says Shawn Russell, Associate Superintendent of Corporate Services. "Her extensive experience in school settings as both a teacher and administrator along with her knowledge and training in the area of Health and Safety make her a perfect fit for the position."

Chinook's Edge launches Hour Zero

Thibault is excited to be working with Chinook's Edge to launch Hour Zero this school year. Hour Zero is an emergency response program.

Thibault says, "We've always had a focus on safety in Chinook's Edge. An advantage of Hour Zero is consistency across the division. Also, it will give us the ability to speak the same language as emergency responders like police, paramedics and fire departments. It also gives us access to enhanced protocols that, when used, will ensure a clear and seamless response to emergencies in our schools."

"Thanks to our Chinook's Edge staff for going through the training this fall. Their attention to the Hour Zero program and protocols is greatly appreciated," says Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools. "By working together we can continue to ensure our schools are safe places for everyone."

Chinook's Edge staff have begun to use specific protocols through Hour Zero. A description of the protocols is [here](#). Also, [this video](#) provides a good overview of the protocols at work in a school setting.



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