In keeping with directions outlined in the Ontario Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, the District School Board of Niagara is seeking a **Schools Mental Health Leader/Supervisor** to coordinate, align, and implement a School Board Mental Health Strategy. In addition to providing leadership at a senior level within the Board and community in the area of school mental health, this individual will serve as a liaison with provincial mental health initiatives, and will monitor and share our implementation progress and learning. Moreover, the Mental Health Leader/Supervisor will support district capacity building for mental health services and support in schools, evidence informed practice, and system navigation.

Under the direction of a Superintendent, duties of this position will include but are not limited to:

- **Serving as a liaison for provincial mental health initiatives.** Collaborating with other Schools Mental Health Leaders/Supervisors across the province to share learning and to provide input to the development and implementation of provincial resources.

- **Working with system leaders in the Board and community to further develop, implement and communicate a comprehensive District School Board of Niagara Mental Health and Addictions Strategy.**

- **Working with the community partners, to develop an integrated system of care, and to facilitate navigation for students and their families.**

- **Conduct/update a district needs assessment and resource mapping to identify specific service delivery gaps in the area of mental health and addictions for students.**

- **Collection and analysis of data to determine the effectiveness of the impact of a Schools Mental Health Strategy.**

- **Drawing on clinical and leadership experience, coordinating the delivery of mental health awareness and literacy programming, for a range of stakeholders within the District School Board of Niagara.**

- **Assisting in the selection and implementation of mental health promotion and prevention programming strategies for the District School Board of Niagara.**

- **Provision of direct supervision to designated unionized professional support staff.**

- **Administration of budgets and coordination of appropriate professional development for Board staff.**

- **Submit reports to the Ministry as required through the year on project activities and findings.** Work with the Special Education and Policy Branch over the 2011-2012 year to develop a reporting framework.
Qualifications include:

Completion of a graduate degree (Masters or PhD) in Social Work, Clinical/School Psychology, or Psychiatry, and eligible for registration with a college governing mental health professionals required.

Extensive clinical experience within a school board setting, across the tiers of mental health intervention (promotion, prevention, intervention, crisis, system navigation)

Fluent understanding of evidence-informed practice, implementation science, and knowledge of mobilization in schools.

Demonstrated knowledge and experience in strategy development, coordination, and implementation, in the area of mental health.

Demonstrated experience in policy/procedure development and implementation.

Experience providing and/or facilitating adult learning, professional learning and training preferred.

A valid driver’s licence and the willingness and ability to travel for school board related business required.

The following attributes are necessary:

- Ability to deal with tact and sound judgement in oral and written communication with staff and the public.
- The ability to coordinate and organize work.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively within a multi-disciplinary team environment.

This is a full-time term position (35 hours per week) and is expected to be of one (1) year duration, subject to renewal by mutual consent, and is part of the Board’s non-union Administrative Management Group. The successful applicant will be expected to work on a twelve-month basis which includes July and August.

Salary Range: $80,656 - $96,019 per annum (under review)

Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Written applications accompanied by a complete résumé outlining qualifications, experience and three professional references (one reference must be a recent/immediate supervisor), will be received until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 19, 2011, and are to be forwarded to:
Human Resources Department
District School Board of Niagara
191 Carlton Street
St. Catharines, Ontario
L2R 7P4

Applications may also be e-mailed to: careers@dsbn.edu.on.ca.

Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. All others are thanked in advance for their interest.

Confidential information provided by applicants will be used for the purposes of this competition only and will be protected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

W. R. Hoshizaki                              K. C. Maves
Director of Education                        Board Chair