



Small Schools Make a Difference

November 7, 2019

Geraldton Composite High School Staff, Students, Families and Service Providers

The North West Local Health Integration Network has expanded its School based Mental Health and Addictions Nurse (MHAN) program to the community of Greenstone effective November 18, 2019. We would like to welcome Cathleen Larson to our team. The Mental Health and Addictions Nurse will service students in both Superior-Greenstone District School Board and Superior North Catholic District School Board.

The MHAN can receive referrals for this service from students, parents, teachers, principals, guidance counsellors, physicians or other members of the mental health support team.

The role of the Mental Health Nurse is to

- Assist students and their families access appropriate mental health and addiction services, primary health care, and emergency services as required
- Work closely with other health professionals involved with your child
- Support students who are transitioning back to school from a hospital/treatment facility to ensure a smooth transition
- Assist school boards to develop strategies to address student mental health and addiction issues
- Provide education and support for students, educators, and parents

A space has been prepared at Geraldton Composite High School for the MHAN to use as their primary office space. The MHAN will travel to the schools in the Greenstone area to provide the service to the students as required.

If you have any questions about this position please reach out to Melanie Cates at (807) 766-2724 or by email at Melanie.Cates@lhins.on.ca.

Thank you,

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