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Report Finds “Don’t Snitch” Culture in Toronto School District

A Safe Schools Inquiry Report gave the Toronto Catholic School District 33 recommendations for improving school security.



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The Toronto Catholic School District commissioned a report on school safety that found a student culture against reporting safety concerns.

The Safe Schools Inquiry Panel Report made 33 recommendations to the school board, which ordered the report after two students, Zaid Athir Youssef and Michael Menjivar, were shot to death near a secondary school in October, according to globalnews.ca (<http://globalnews.ca/news/2013015/dont-snitch-culture-highlighted-in-toronto-school-safety-report/>).

One of the biggest recommendations the school safety report made was to encourage students to report incidents to adults. The report found that students don’t trust the anonymous tip line currently established at the school and suggested finding other ways students can make reports.

The report also urged the school board to spend more money to fix or update existing security cameras.

Several students at Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School said they already feel safe at school.

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Despite the large number of school safety report recommendations, some students at Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School said they feel safe at school.

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