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SOUTH AFRICA/TORONTO SCHOOL TWINNING PROGRAM

February 11, 1992 marks the second anniversary of Nelson Mandela's release from prison. Following his visit to Central Technical School in June 1990, the Board established the Mandela Students Fundraising committee made up of trustees, staff, teachers and students. The fundraising has been very successful--especially during the recession, and has raised nearly \$20,000 to be sent to the National Education Coordinating Committee in Johannesburg.

The campaign now enters its second phase.

We have established "twinning" relationships with at least 7 South African schools in black townships. The twinning idea was suggested by many of our students who wanted an opportunity to write letters and exchange photographs with students in South Africa. Schools include both elementary and secondary level students studying in Soweto and Alexandra townships. Toronto and South African schools involved so far include:

Lord Dufferin--Weilers Farm Community School

Queen Victoria--Tlholohelo Primary School

Eastern Commerce--Seama Marena School

Oakwood Collegiate--Alfred Nzo High School

Western Technical/King Edward--Wisani Senior School

West Toronto Secondary--Mphele Senior Secondary School

West End Alternative--Phambili Alternative School

We are hoping that this partnership will continue for at least two years and provide our schools with an opportunity to assist South African students in their struggle to establish a non-racial education system. At the same time, our students will learn a great deal about life as a student in a changing South Africa.

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