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51st Sudbury Regional Science Fair will be held virtually in April 2021

(SUDBURY, ON) - For more than 50 years, Sudbury area grade 7 to 12 students have been exploring and discovering science through science projects and sharing their work through school, school board and regional science fairs. In the spring of 2020, the Sudbury Regional Science Fair (SRSF) committee was looking forward to its next regional fair when a global pandemic was declared and caused the SRSF to be cancelled. Subsequently, just a few of the 104 regional science fairs across Canada were held and the 2020 Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF), planned for Edmonton, was cancelled and moved online, becoming a national virtual STEM fair. Over 600 projects from students across the nation were presented including five projects from the Sudbury region.

Due to the continued threat of COVID-19, Youth Sciences Canada (YSC) has announced the 2021 Canada-Wide Science Fair will be held virtually. Based on the decision by YSC to hold a virtual CWSF and for continued safety of all involved, the Sudbury Regional Science Fair committee has decided to also run its fair virtually. With support from YSC, the ProjectBoard platform will be used by students to upload and present their science projects.

With the support of the SRSF, the three local school boards (Rainbow Schools, Sudbury Catholic Schools and Le Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon) who annually participate in the Sudbury Regional Science Fair will be using the ProjectBoard online portal for their school board science fairs. The SRSF committee wants to support school boards to make it as easy as possible for students to participate in their virtual science fair and thereby select the top projects to attend the regional science fair. Students from grade 7 to 12, not attending schools in these 3 school boards and interested in submitting a science fair project can do so by registering for the public run-off science fair organized by the SRSF. These students will have to register between February 1st and 12th by sending their name, email address, phone number and grade level to Mr. Polischuk at poliscc@sudburycatholicschools.ca and will have to enter their projects as instructed on the ProjectBoard platform as indicated by February 26.

We have all had to pivot in this unprecedented year. The innovations we have seen come out of the use of technology in 2020 have enabled us to continue to give students the opportunity to use inquiry-based methods to explore science and technology. Many future researchers and inventors will be participants of the regional science fairs, and SRSF wants to continue to be on the forefront of providing our youth with the tools they need to succeed. We have seen the resilience of Canadian youth this past year, and SRSF is committed to continuing to foster the curiosity and drive of our future scientists. The general public will be invited to view the science fair projects participating in the Sudbury Regional Science Fair in April 2021. The link will be posted on the SRSF website in early April at srsf.ca .

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