> "A successful Joint Health & Safety Committee means integrating into your organization so that workers and committee members are aligned. As well it takes a good training partnership to stay current and to evolve your health and safety program."

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**PSHSA sat down with the Greater Essex County District School Board to discuss what makes a good JHSC and successful Health & Safety training partnership:**

**Q:** How long have you worked with the Public Services Health and Safety Association as your Health and Safety training partner?

**A:** The GECDSB has been working with the PSHSA since November 2000 to present. We are a site based board with approximately 85 Occupational Joint Health & Safety Committees (OJH&SCs).

**Q:** And what about PSHSA is a good fit for your organization?

**A:** They have a thorough understanding of Health & Safety Legislation specific to our industry. To date the PSHSA has certified over 500 of our Board's staff.

**Q:** What is important to you about a good JHSC training program?

**A:** It has to cover not only the legislative requirements but be specific to our educational group with relatable examples.

**Q:** And how does PSHSA deliver on that?

**A:** Excellent delivery specific to our needs.

**Q:** What are some of the emerging health and safety issues you are seeing within your organization that the JHSC are faced with and how does PSHSA assist you to manage these issues?

**A:** We are transitioning into Job Specific Hazards and Prevention for all of our working groups. As we move forward we will be working with the PSHSA to incorporate this into the new part 2 training for our OJH&SCs.

**Q:** What in your opinion sets PSHSA apart from other training vendors?

**A:** Good customer service and willingness to customize training that meets our needs.

**Q:** And how can we help our clients do better?

**A:** By understanding each customers' needs and how to provide cost effective solutions to meet those needs.