



## YMCA Youth Action Friday Night Drop-in 2019-2020 Program Changes

Dear parents and caregivers:

As youth interests evolve the YMCA of Niagara periodically re-evaluates the programming we offer to ensure it remains a consistent, relevant and high-quality experience for the youth that attend.

Over the past several years we have noticed declining interest and decreasing attendance for our Youth Action Friday Night Drop-In programs at the Niagara West YMCA and Port Colborne YMCA. In the 2018/2019 school year the average attendance for Friday Night Drop-in programs fell to only 3 participants at the Niagara West YMCA and 7 participants at the Port Colborne YMCA. Despite our best promotional efforts and intentional youth focused programming we have been unable to increase attendance numbers for these programs.

**As a result we regret to share that starting October 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Action Friday Night Drop-ins will not be offered at the Niagara West YMCA and Port Colborne YMCA.** Youth Action Friday Night Drop-ins will continue to run at the Walker Family YMCA, Niagara Centre YMCA and Niagara Falls YMCA.

As we receive feedback and review our programming, we will continue to reevaluate the Youth Action programs offered at the Niagara West and Port Colborne YMCAs.

Youth Action School programs will continue to be offered Monday to Thursday evenings at schools across Niagara including Port Colborne and West Niagara. School program locations will be communicated shortly and will begin the week of October 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any additional questions or feedback please contact myself, Steve Wideman, Director of Community Programs at 905-934-9622 x295 or [steve.wideman@niagara.ymca.ca](mailto:steve.wideman@niagara.ymca.ca)

Thank you for your understanding.