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<p>"Homework assistance needed"</p> <p>"Tutoring can be expensive; sometimes it's free but those places are too packed to get the tutoring"</p> <p>"Public library is packed"</p> <p>"You might have to take a bus to go to somewhere that has more staff available"</p> <p>"You have to go around the city to find help"</p>			

**9.11 Appendix K: Quotes from Focus Groups: Attitudes Towards Poverty**

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<p>"Students are not willing to come forward , students are shy: they are made fun of and bullied"</p> <p>"Help with home life is the bigger issue; families can't pay bills, no electricity, no shower"</p>		<p>School leadership is seen as very important. The principal was seen as having a big role in what happened in the school so "he/she should know how the students in need are faring in the school "</p> <p>"should be active leadership".</p> <p>"Petitioning the school could help"</p> <p>"More rights for low-income students"</p> <p>"Educate teachers (about problems of low income students)"</p>	<p>That schools examine regularly their equity and inclusion practices and insure that their anti-bullying policies are alert to income- based bullying and stigma.</p> <p>That schools examine with their own students, parents and staff the cost of the school day in their school community and relate their findings to their equity policies and anti- bullying practices</p>

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			Schools schedule flexible interview times to accommodate parents' shift work, and those in precarious work situations. Communications to parents must recognize that not all parents have internet at home.

**9.12 Appendix L: Committee Members**

**Steering Committee Members**

- Lyndsy Baillie Secondary School Vice Principal. Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB)
- Carla D’Elia Secondary School Vice Principal. Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB)
- Laura Laverty Hamilton Public Health School Nurse
- Irene Heffernan Senior Project Manager of Employment and Education, Neighborhood Development, City of Hamilton
- Medora Uppal/ Sandra Parker Director Child and Youth Services Hamilton YWCA
- Linda Turner Educational Assistant HWDSB
- Aneta Zaniewska Youth Trustee, Notre Dame House, Good Shepherd Youth Services

**Other Key Informants**

- Terri Bedminster CEO, Refuge: Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health
- Gail Belisario Manager of Equity HWDSB (retired)
- Duane Dahl Assistant Executive Director, Hamilton Boys and Girls Club.
- Brent Esau Community Health Director (includes Pathways for Education) COMPASS Community Health
- Leo Johnson CEO Empowerment Squared