Wendy Craig, Stephen Harper join roundtable on cyberbullying

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On Friday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper met with leading Canadian anti-bullying experts and the family of Rehtaeh Parsons to discuss the protection of youth from cyberbullying. Invited to join the meeting in Winnipeg was Queen's professor Wendy Craig (Psychology). Dr. Craig is an acclaimed expert on bullying and the Scientific Co-Director of PREVNet, a national network of researchers and organizations working to stop bullying.

Rehtaeh Parsons was a 17 year-old who took her own life after being bullied due to an alleged sex attack in November 2011.

"My hope is that this is the first step in creating a national strategy that focusses on: increasing education from a public health perspective to provide adults, children and youth with the evidence based strategies they need to prevent and address it; assessment and monitoring to ensure that we are effectively addressing bullying, the creation and dissemination of evidence based programs to decrease all forms of bullying; and the policy changes to ensure that sustainability of the efforts," says Craig.

"Through co-ordinated partnerships with organizations that work with children and youth, parents, children and youth, industry and all levels of government, we can effectively address bullying in Canada."