

**September 6, 2024**

**Dear Notre Dame Families,**

**Here is a non-exhaustive, broad list of where this funding **can** be targeted to families in need:**

**Food Security**

- Improve access to nutritional food for students and families during and after school.
- Provide struggling families with grocery store gift certificates.
- Partner with local Food Banks, First Nations groups, or other community agencies to improve food security.

**School Associated Fees**

- Purchase school supplies for this school year that would normally be purchased by parents (this could include ink cartridges and paper for online students).
- Cover curricular course material fees (Band, Shop, Textiles, Foods...).
- Cover extra-curricular participation fees (Band instruments, team fees, travel and accommodations, sports/band uniforms...).
- Assist with transportation (School bus fees, transit passes, in some cases gas cards for school specific travels).
- Purchase student clothing and footwear (this may include student uniform items).

**Grant funds are **not** to be used for:**

- School supplies intended for use next school year (this is under MECC reconsideration)
- Student Support Service fees (Speech Language, Occupational Therapy....)
- Counselling Services (Psychologists, Psych Ed assessments...)
- Tutoring Services (in-school or private)
- Technology purchases
- School tuition fees
- Staff costs to administer this grant

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## Student & Family Affordability Fund

The purpose of this one-time grant From the Ministry of Education & Childcare is to make life more affordable for BC families who are temporarily facing financial challenges and short-term assistance with the current costs of school supplies, education-related fees, and dealing with food insecurity that impact children’s learning. Further background and the criteria can be found at [New funding helps make back-to-school more affordable for families that need it most | BC Gov News](#)

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School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Request Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Activity/Fee Amount \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Required Assistance Amount \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistance For: School Supplies /

- Course Fees
- Field Trips
- School-Based Extra-curricular / Co-curricular
- Athletic / Cultural
- Clothing
- Miscellaneous \_\_\_\_\_

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To submit this form, you can:

- Email / Scan form to your school principal or school secretary.
- Return this form in-person to your school principal or school secretary.
- Provide proof of purchase (receipt), where applicable.

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Principal’s approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_