

Toronto District School Board

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Charitable Foundation

Statement

The Toronto District School Board affirms its commitment to student nutrition programs by establishing the Toronto District School Board Charitable Foundation. This foundation will financially co-ordinate diverse resources to support the Board's Mission Statement: "Our mission is to enable all students to reach high levels of achievement and to acquire the knowledge, skills and values they need to become responsible members of a democratic society." Together with its partners in the community, the Toronto District School Board Charitable Foundation intends to build on existing programs and develop unique new ways to facilitate the academic success of students. Staff will explore ideas for creative, non-traditional projects, outside the regular instructional program, aimed at supporting the desire of students to learn..

The Toronto District School Board Charitable Foundation believes in assisting students to benefit physically, emotionally and intellectually from each school day. Students under stress have difficulty learning--students under extreme stress cannot learn. Some of the Board's students do not have enough to eat, some are living in minimal shelter, some experience violence in their homes. The Board will act as an advocate for these students and will honour them, and build their trust in the Board and pride in themselves. The Board supports the creation of an environment for learning in which students can be successful. The Toronto District School Board Charitable Foundation will support nutrition and other programs in order to address some of these issues.

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Administrative Procedure

The Toronto District School Board Charitable Foundation will be guided by the following principles:

1. To investigate, develop and initiate projects, between the Toronto District School Board and partners in the community, which are responsive to the needs of students, on a universal and equitable basis.
2. All projects will be of direct benefit to students of the Toronto District School Board, have direct links with its schools, and enhance the learning experience.
3. Broad-based funding relationships will be built and a diversity of partnerships entered into to share resources of all kinds.
4. Relationships within all sectors of our society will be developed--business, community, government and other educational institutions--in order to ensure that projects serve the essential needs of the community and provide tangible benefits to the students.
5. Projects will be effectively administered and the foundation will be accountable for their quality.