

Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

School Councils may apply for a grant of up to \$750 to support innovative projects and activities to engage parents, caregivers, and guardians while enhancing their capabilities in various areas.

These areas include:

- addressing anti-Black racism
- anti-Indigenous racism
- anti-racism
- equity/anti-oppression
- food sovereignty
- human rights
- mental health and well-being
- creating safe and inclusive spaces
- involving parents in early literacy and numeracy

Collaborative projects are welcome, but each school council's allocation remains at a maximum of \$750. When submitting collaborative projects, please ensure the following criteria:

1. The contact information provided in the application is for the individual representing the School Council.
2. The roles and responsibilities of each School Council in the collaborative project are detailed in the project description.
3. The amount requested by each school for their part in the collaborative project (up to a maximum of \$750) is specified in the project description.
4. Funds awarded will be deposited in the School Council's account.

Eligibility criteria for projects/initiatives are as follows:

- Demonstrate commitment to addressing anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism, centering the voices of racialized parents/caregivers and elders.
- Provide spaces for the voices of racialized parents/caregivers to address equity, anti-oppression, and human rights
- Create a sense of belonging within the school environment by acknowledging and valuing parents/caregivers' identities and assets.
- Respect parents/caregivers as co-collaborators with teachers by embedding their identities in the curriculum.
- Contribute to raising awareness around local food production and building sustainable skills.
- Enhance affordable local food system control and access to fresh, healthy food.
- Demonstrate a clear and measurable impact on improving mental health outcomes.
- Engage parents and caregivers in early literacy and numeracy.
- Establish safe and inclusive environments that prevent and address bullying and violence.

Eligible activities/initiatives include:

- workshops
- training sessions
- information sessions
- artistic expressions and more

Ineligible initiatives include:

- student initiatives
- staffing initiatives
- equipment purchases
- previous year's expenditures

The expected outcomes of these initiatives include:

- Fostering a sense of belonging.
- Raising awareness.
- Enhancing knowledge.
- Improving mental well-being.
- Fostering a supportive home environment for early learning.

Please note that the maximum grant amount is \$750, and any unused funds will be returned to the Board.

Key Timeline for the 2023-2024 Application Period:

- PRO Application Opens: November 10, 2023
- PRO Application Closes: January 12, 2024
- Final Report Due: June 21, 2024

To apply for the Parents Reaching Out Grant, kindly complete the [PRO Grant application](#)