

2019-20 PPF Education Programs:

Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grants Update



- The Ministry of Education has announced that the PRO Grant will continue.
- The PRO Grant provides funding to district school boards and school authorities to lead projects with a focus on the identification and removal of barriers that prevent parents and families from participating and engaging fully in their children's learning.
- Changes to the program were made for the 2019-20 school year from an application-based funding model to an allocation-based grant provided to each school board. School boards received a predetermined funding amount for parent engagement projects

- **Parent Involvement Advisory Committee must be consulted on fund allocation.**
- Projects will be required to demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents in students' educational experiences by working with parents or seeking parent input on how schools can:
 - Provide a safe and welcoming school environment;
 - Maintain open communication with teachers;
 - Respect parents as valued partners within the education system in relation to decisions about their child's education; and,
- Parents are informed about the content of the Ontario Curriculum Guidelines.

- TDSB was allocated **\$133,405.35** for projects that demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents in students' educational experiences.
- In 2018/2019 grants were allocated to **376 schools/school councils for a total amount of \$371,901.00**. We also received an additional \$21,000 through the regional grant(Mental Health Committee and PIAC)
- **All funds must be spent** and reported to the Ministry by **August 21, 2020**.

- School councils continue to receive the \$1.25/per student allocation
- The \$500.00 Ministry allocation for reaching hard to reach families will be available in November/December
- Fiscal and staffing restraints will not enable us to do a grant process (e.g. schools/councils applying for the funds)
- Final decision around the allocation of the funds will be made by the Board. A staff recommended report will track to the November 06, 2019 Program and school service committee

PPF PROG 2019/2020 ALLOCATION EXAMPLES

EXAMPLES	DESCRIPTION
School/School Council Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate funds to all 573 schools (Include: elementary, secondary, alternative, self-contained SpecEd) • Supports for school councils in enhancing parent representation and functioning • Allocation amount per school would be approximately \$198.00 • Funds must be spent on activities/events that align with the funding criteria • Funds must be spent by August 21, 2020
MSIC School/School Council Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate funds to 158 MSIC to support the work of school councils • Allocation per school would be approximately \$756.00 • Funds must be spent on activities/events that align with the funding criteria • Funds must be spent by August 21, 2020

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<p>Option 4-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for school/school councils MSIC and MYSP
<p>Option 5-</p>	<p>OTHER EXAMPLES</p>



CONVERSATION:

What is your best thinking about how the funds get allocated?

