

Student & Family Affordability Fund

- **One-time funding** to school districts to increase food security for students and their families, and to support students, parents, and guardians with affordability concerns.
- As required by the Ministry, this funding is to be used to:
 1. Improve students' access to nutritional food/meals, before, during and after the school day.
 2. Directly offset costs to parents, guardians, and students, such as school supplies or other cost pressures they are facing using existing mechanisms such as hardship policies.



Funds spent within this category are to support improved student access to nutritional food and meals before, during or after the school day.

Food and Nutritional Support

- Can be:
 1. **Targeted** spending to support students and families. (Ex: Food hampers, grocery store gift cards, nutritional snacks, student passes to purchase food at school cafeteria, etc.)
 2. **Universal** spending to improve access to nutritional food and meals. (Ex: Funding learning experiences, providing nutritional snacks for students, etc.)
- No administration or overhead spending (ex: equipment, non-food supplies) in this category.
- Spending is to be in addition to any planned or budgeted spending on food and meal programs.

Funds spent in this category are to directly offset costs for parents, guardians, and students.

Family Assistance

- Can be:
 1. **Targeted** spending to support students and families needing assistance. (Ex: Clothing/footwear, transit passes, reducing or waiving fees for field studies, grad, camps, performances, cultural events, additional supplies for classes, etc.)
 2. **Universal** spending to offset costs to families. (Ex: Reducing/waiving fees for field studies, performances, camps, and school events/activities (including instrument and equipment fees), reducing/waiving fees related to grad, cultural events/experiences, etc.)
- Spending should be in addition to any planned or budgeted spending for hardship or family supports.
- No funding should be used for staffing, administration or overhead costs.

