

November 15, 2022

RE: Student & Family Affordability Fund

Dear Leary Parents/Guardians,

At the start of this school year, the B.C. Ministry of Education allotted 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. The Government recognizes that British Columbians have been struggling with rising food costs, and costs for a range of goods and services. The aim is to make life more affordable for families who are temporarily facing financial challenges and need temporary assistance with the current costs of school supplies, education-related fees, and dealing with food insecurity that impacts children's learning.

The B.C. Ministry of Education outlined that this one-time funding was provided to:

- increase food security and nutritional opportunities for students throughout the day,
- provide nutritional food and meal support to additional students,
- provide additional food and meal supports to students with dependent children where appropriate, and
- provide financial support for families experiencing increased financial hardship from the costs associated with student school supplies and consumable charges (i.e. fees for school sports and other school activities).

Our school is partnering with Leary IAT PAC to reach out to Leary IAT families who could benefit from accessing assistance from this funding. Our goal is to connect with families in private and discrete manners while respecting, without judgment, the current realities for some families.

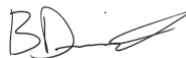
It has often been shared that it takes a community to raise a child and the Leary IAT school community lives up to belief, time and time again. If your family is experiencing affordability concerns, below are ways we can get connected.

1. Complete a private online request – [Online Request](#)
2. Complete paper request – visit school front office
3. Email Leary IAT PAC – leary-pac@sd33.bc.ca
4. Email Leary IAT school – leary@sd33.bc.ca

Warmest regards,



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