

Overview

The Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grants program provides funding to school boards to work with parent stakeholder groups, school councils and/or Parent Involvement Committees to lead projects with a focus on the identification and removal of barriers that may prevent parents and families from participating and engaging fully in their children’s learning.

This year, we are continuing to explore collaborative PRO Grants that include a number of school communities and community partners working together. Collaboration between communities is essential as we work together to effectively utilize the funds available and provide various opportunities for parent, guardian and family engagement.

Ministry Commitments

- 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
- Ensure parents are informed about the content of the Ontario Curriculum Guidelines

DDSB Priorities



PRO Grant Project Criteria	
<p>Project Partners (at least one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SCC ➤ Other School Communities ➤ DDSB Departments ➤ DDSB Affinity Groups ➤ Community Agencies 	<p>Description / Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Clear theme/focus for the proposal ➤ Details provided ➤ Alignment to Ministry commitments ➤ Alignment to DDSB Priorities
<p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Specific Measurables ➤ Alignment to Ministry commitments ➤ Alignment to DDSB Priorities ➤ Include reasonable estimate of attendance 	<p>Amount of Grant Requested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Specific breakdown of budget ➤ Budget connects directly with description ➤ Budget supports Ministry commitments ➤ Budget supports DDSB Priorities ➤ Budget meets guidelines of PRO Grant

Budget Considerations

- **Ineligible Project Costs include:** Payment to school board staff/volunteers including honoraria of gifts; purchase of good and services that the ministry currently provides funding; activities, resources, speakers for students; capital items such as technology or sport equipment; entertainment activities such as barbecues, fun fairs, volunteer teas, movie nights etc; field trips; school signs; landscaping; prizes or incentives for parents or students; lessons for parents; fundraising events
- Advertising/Promotion must not exceed 10% of the budget
- Maximum amount of funding that can be requested is **\$4000.00**.

Application Process

- After connecting with partners and co-planning, one member of the team will complete the [google form](#) on behalf of the group.
- DDSB will work the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) to determine the approved project(s) and corresponding funding amounts for each project.

PRO Grant Project Deadlines	
Application Deadlines	Friday, February 5 th Friday, February 19
Proposal Results Communicated	Tuesday, February 16 th Friday, February 26
Project Completion Date	Friday, June 11 th
PRO Grant Final Reports Due	Friday, June 25 th

We are looking forward to working together to support parent engagement in your and within the DDSB.

With thanks,

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