



Halton
Learning
Foundation

Eliminating Financial Barriers to Education

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2021-2022



"The Halton District School Board greatly values the work of the Halton Learning Foundation to help deliver education equity for students. HLF collaborates with the HDSB throughout the school year to ensure our collective efforts provide all students with the support they need to thrive in learning and achieve their potential."

**Curtis Ennis, Director of Education,
Halton District School Board**



THE YEAR IN PHOTOS



Receiving Association of the Year Award from Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.



Participating in McHappy Day in Georgetown



HLF fundraiser Students in the Spotlight Presented by Cogeco



ABOUT US

HLF helps eliminate financial barriers to learning and support education equity for students of the Halton District School Board through school grants, scholarships and emergency funds for basic necessities.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO



MANON DULUDE
CHAIR



LESLEY MANSFIELD
CEO

The 2022-2023 school year will be a full return to business as usual for students, educators and HLF, and we are back to planning for the future. The Board and staff have developed a new mission -- **"Every student deserves a chance"** -- and a bold, five-year strategy that will enable us, with your support, to increase our impact on a growing number of students in need. We look forward to having you as partners on this meaningful journey.

One thing we've learned over the past two years is that change is constant and inevitable. At the same time, we've learned there is comfort to be found in things that are familiar.

In 2021-2022 we celebrated a gradual return to the familiar as students of the Halton District School Board largely resumed in-person learning, schools restored class trips and extra-curricular activities, and educators had the chance to implement critical new tools and programs.

HLF, AS ALWAYS, WAS THERE TO SUPPORT STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS ALONG THE WAY.

- ✓ Our staff responded to a 17% increase in requests for immediate student support from HLF's Eliminating Barriers fund compared to 2020-2021, as kids returned to classrooms and teachers were better able to identify students who needed food, clothing, school supplies and access to opportunities.
- ✓ We established a partnership with the HDSB Welcome Centre's Youth Settlement Specialists to quickly identify and assist newcomer students arriving with next to nothing from Ukraine, Syria and other countries.
- ✓ Remote learning throughout the pandemic took a toll on children's development and mental health. HLF provided long-term investments in students by granting 100% of funds requested by schools for learning tools and resources. We are especially grateful to the RBC Foundation for its continued generous gifts in support of mental health and wellbeing initiatives.
- ✓ Like most charities, HLF's revenue has been impacted by the pandemic. However, our operations and fundraising efforts have continued uninterrupted, we have a healthy reserve fund, and most importantly, we have approved every request for student support.
- ✓ A highlight of our fiscal year was news that HLF was nominated for community and business excellence awards in the non-profit category from the Milton and Halton Hills Chambers of Commerce (the latter of which we won last fall!). We are very proud of this community recognition.

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INVESTING IN STUDENTS



Laptop Funded by HLF Donors Helps Power Three Futures

Seventeen-year-old Aaisha arrived in Canada from Afghanistan in 2021 with her two older siblings. Their parents had recently died, and the siblings moved to Halton to live with an aunt and uncle.

All three newcomers were determined to improve their English and complete high school, something they had not had the opportunity to do back home. But with only one computer for the entire household, Aaisha found it difficult to attend online classes and fulfill assignments.

Funds from HLF allowed Aaisha to purchase a laptop so she could regularly attend classes and complete schoolwork remotely. She achieved two high school credits last year, and this year she is on track to graduate from Grade 12 and apply to university!

The laptop also made it possible for her older siblings to work towards their own goals. Her brother and sister will graduate high school this year and both plan to attend college in the fall.

ELIMINATING BARRIERS:

EMERGENCY FUNDS HELP KIDS FOCUS & FIT IN

2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020
1,454 Requests for student support	1,244 Requests for student support	1,400 Requests for student support



NECESSITIES: 1385
(food, clothing, hygiene & school supplies)

TEAMS AND FIELD TRIPS: 76

TRANSPORTATION: 17

POST-SECONDARY APPLICATIONS: 12

(Note: some requests support more than one category)



INVESTING IN STUDENTS

SCHOOL GRANTS: SUPPORTING LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Grants provided through HLF in 2021-2022 supported 124 projects at 65 schools across the Halton District School Board. These projects reflect the priorities of the HDSB's multi-year plan.



Anne J. MacArthur Public School's "Kindie Garden" was revitalized with funds from HLF, allowing students to continue learning about environmental leadership.

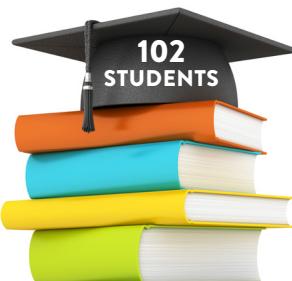


Students at W.H. Morden PS use a 3D printer supported by a grant from HLF to discover the beauty of math, science, music and art!



Pauline Johnson PS used a grant from HLF to purchase grade-specific books on topics related to mental health and well-being, which are helping foster a positive learning environment.

SCHOLARSHIPS: HELPING STUDENTS CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY



2021-2022



2020-2021



2019-2020

“ As I complete my education at university, I will remember that it was possible in part due to your generosity and thoughtfulness. I want to work towards creating a better society for all, and I'd like to thank you for helping me achieve my goals ”

(HLF scholarship recipient)

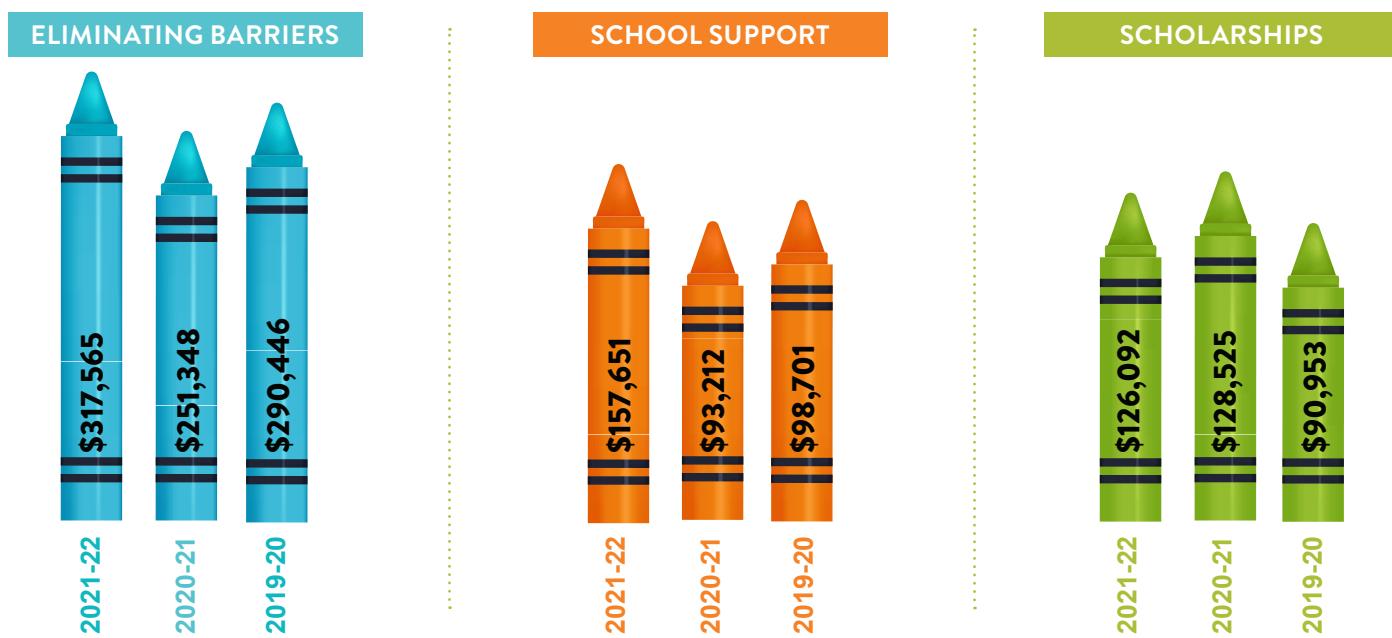


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

REVENUE	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020
Donations	1,000,174	938,684	1,017,509
Fundraising	37,525	55,757	94,980
Investment Income	(12,430)	80,990	50,316
Government Grants*	2,687	44,268	
TOTAL	\$1,027,956	\$1,119,699	\$1,162,805

**(Federal government grants provided to HLF during the pandemic.)*

INVESTMENTS IN STUDENTS



**(School support includes grants plus other school donations. School support was lower in 2019-20 and 2020-21 due to school closures.)*



WHERE YOUR DOLLAR GOES:

(rounded to nearest cent)

For HLF's detailed financial statements, please visit:
haltonlearningfoundation.ca/impact-reports-financials

PROGRAM SUPPORT:



ADMINISTRATION & FUNDRAISING:

