

# Food for Kids

## FAQ

### **What is the Food for Kids Program?**

On a normal day more than 200,000 kids across our city get nutritious breakfasts and snacks through their school-based Student Nutrition Programs; but these are not normal times. Schools are closed, and children and youth are still hungry.

We know that 30% of families across our city live on \$20,000 a year, or less, and we also know that families supported through hourly or precarious work have lost income due to work closures. While the federal government has announced measures to help families, it may take weeks to get support directly to those in need. A gap exists, and we are working hard to get help out as soon as possible.

### **What will families receive?**

Funds have been secured to provide \$50 grocery store food cards to families in need. This amount was determined because it is approximately the cost of a healthy breakfast for a child for 30 days.

### **How is it funded?**

The TFSS is liaising with many partners, groups, donors and levels of government who are all seeking a speedy way to support and nourish our children. We are grateful to all supporters.

### **Who will receive the funds?**

Card quantities are limited, so the school boards used evidence-based data to make decisions about which schools would be eligible to apply for the first round of funds. As more funds become available, more schools will be added to the eligible list.

### **How are students receiving funds?**

Families with students in the identified schools will receive an email or a call from their school Principal inviting them to complete a secure online registration form that includes their child's details and mailing address. This online process was designed by KPMG volunteers and is secure. For those without internet, a school board staff member will complete the application on their behalf. Once they have been verified as attending the identified school, the food cards will be mailed to the address they provide to TFSS.

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