

# 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 now.

### **When will the Food for Kids program start?**

The program has started and will continue as long as funds are available.

### **What are families receiving?**

Funds have been secured to provide \$50 grocery store food cards, per child, 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 is receiving 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, and/or school board staff, 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.

### **How did you choose which schools are eligible?**

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**How will I know if my school becomes eligible?**

Families of children from eligible schools will be contacted directly by school board representatives by email and/or by phone.

**Why haven't I received a call or email about the Food for Kids Program?**

At this time, school board representatives are only reaching out to the families of children who attend schools that are eligible to apply for the Food for Kids program. If and when your child's school is added to the list, you will be notified by email or telephone call.

**There are children in my school in urgent need right now. What do I do?**

Please either contact your principal or email [info@tfss.ca](mailto:info@tfss.ca) to see if other resources are available at this time.

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