



PARENTS REACHING OUT GRANTS

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- ❖ Parents Reaching Out Grants (PRO Grants) are grants offered by the Ministry of Education
- ❖ PRO Grant program was established in 2006 and has since given out over 19,500 School Council grants
- ❖ 98% of PRO Grants are approved

PURPOSE OF PRO GRANTS

- ❖ Parents are a key part of success in education and student achievement
- ❖ Encourages parent engagement at local and regional levels
- ❖ Supports identifying barriers to parent engagement and producing local solutions to involve more parents in student achievement and well being

TYPES OF PRO GRANTS

- ❖ Two types of PRO Grants

- ❖ School Council

- ❖ Parent organizations, PIC's, non profit community organizations, etc.

- ❖ Funding is different for these two types of grants

SCHOOL COUNCIL GRANTS

- ❖ School councils of publicly funded schools
- ❖ Initiatives focused on engaging parents who may experience challenges in becoming involved in the school
- ❖ Examples of barriers may include language, recent immigration, poverty, new to Ontario's school system, and so forth

SCHOOL COUNCIL GRANTS

- ❖ SAC's may apply for up to \$1,000
- ❖ May develop application individually, or with another school and/or community group (grant money would be combined)
- ❖ Special Consideration is given to:
 1. promote increased access to and awareness of math strategies and resources for parents to support their children's learning at home and at school, or
 2. support the engagement of parents from Indigenous or racialized communities, or
 3. encourage parent engagement in promoting the value of arts, in support of student success

HOW TO USE A PRO GRANT

- ❖ PRO Grants can purchase resources for parents and the community
- ❖ PRO Grants can be used to host workshops for parents
- ❖ PRO Grants can be used towards a special speaker for an event
- ❖ Materials, food, staff and so forth can be funded in limited part through the PRO Grant

EXAMPLES OF PRO GRANTS

- ❖ Education themed evenings (i.e. math, science, literacy nights)
- ❖ Purchase resources for parents (lending library, math manipulatives, etc.)
- ❖ Social media training for parents
- ❖ Mental health supports and/or workshops for parents

EXAMPLES OF PRO GRANTS

- ❖ Healthy Living seminars
- ❖ Physical well being information (i.e. concussion information)
- ❖ Supporting your child through French Immersion
- ❖ Many more, including combination of ideas

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ Application for PRO Grant is due on Thursday May 25th, 2017 at 11:59pm
- ❖ Approval will be announced in September 2017
- ❖ The project must take place before June 30th 2018

GROUP DISCUSSION

- ❖ What barriers to engagement does your school community face?
- ❖ Are these barriers overcome by a speaker, seminar/workshop, resources, or other?
- ❖ What topics would you like PIC to consider for the next PIC Symposium?