

September 21, 2020

Dear parents/guardians,

As we continue to welcome students back into our schools and focus on new protocols to help keep students and staff safe, the Upper Grand District School Board has notified schools that school-organized fundraising will be paused at this time.

The board recognizes that fundraising is a big part of school culture, however at this time, the board would like to focus on efforts to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in our schools, and to that end limit the number of occasions where funds and goods are changing hands. There may still be some events that schools participate in, but without the fundraising component. The annual Terry Fox Run is one example of this. While individual classroom teachers may choose to take students out on the yard for a socially distanced walk/run, the school will not be collecting funds. Parents may, however, donate directly to the foundation online.

The UGDSB knows that there are many people in our families and communities who are in need and will work with schools and our community partners to continue to support those in need through community partnerships and direct support. The board also encourages families and students who are interested in supporting a cause to support them directly rather than through their school at this time.

The board will continue to revisit this decision and make adjustments accordingly, but for the time being we thank everyone for their understanding that school-organized fundraisers will be on hold.

Thank you.