

# Together...Making a Difference

Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools Presentation

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Ladysmith**



**Schools  
Foundation**

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# Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation

Through partnerships and collaboration, we provide resources, programs and support to accomplished and vulnerable NLPS students

## Who We Are

- Registered Charity with Constitution & Bylaws, incorp. 2008
- Formerly Nanaimo Schools Financial Awards Society, est. 1982
- Board of 10 community volunteers serving 2-year terms
- Several committees and volunteers
- Minimal staff & resources; consistent program growth

# How We Help

Thanks to partnerships and generous donors:

- ✓ Develop & implement efficient, direct-to-student supports
- ✓ Quick and efficient response to requests
- ✓ Allocate funds to meet student needs
- ✓ Provide confidential support for students
- ✓ Encourage graduating students to pursue post-secondary education and training
- ✓ Provide supports to schools where funds are not otherwise available

# Diverse Programs to Help Students

- Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards
- Student Support Fund
- Food4Schools
- Music Initiative grants
- Enhanced Learning Initiatives



# Scholarships Bursaries & Awards

Community sponsored to honour graduating students in:

Academics

Field of Study

Service/Leadership

Affiliation

Adversity

Financial Need

Incentive for Students to graduate and acquire additional education/training

Proprietary system offering online applications

Creating alumni to encourage past recipients to establish awards

Commitment to increase available awards in 2024

# Scholarships Bursaries & Awards

**339**

**Student Applications**

**\$411,000**

**Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries**

**132**

**District Authority Scholarships**

**\$165,000**

**District Awards Night – June 13  
Port Theatre**



# Student Support Fund

Principals, teachers, staff request funds to directly support students

**Examples of needs:** food | shoes | clothing | eye care | dental care | medical | school supplies | fees for field trips | band instrumental rental | student fees for grad, athletics

# Student Support Fund

**900**

Students received school supplies

**\$61,000**

Supports provided

Emergency medical and dental expenses  
as well as eyeglasses.





# Food4Schools

Providing weekly food deliveries to schools for breakfast, lunch and snack programs



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Creating equitable and sustainable support for all students regardless of where they attend.



# Food4Schools

**34**

**schools providing breakfast, lunch and/or snacks to students every day**

**2000+**

**students accessing support during their school day** (up from 1200 students in 2022)

**\$340,000**

**food provided to schools for meals programs (\$200k in-kind)**

**\$64,000**

**Equipment and supplies provided to numerous schools (fridges, commercial toasters, blenders, kettles etc.)**



**FOOD4  
SCHOOLS**

# Food4Schools



Coming 2024!!

Food4Schools Delivery Van  
(sponsored by Tom Harris Community Foundation)

Proud to work with NLPS and numerous  
Community partners to ensure students have  
access to health meals and snacks at school.



# Other Initiatives/Supports

## **Farm to School – one time \$10,000 Grant**

Funds have been contributed to support the initial infrastructure required to develop the school farm located at Woodlands site. Construction of the site has begun!

## **Transportation – emergency bus passes**

Providing support to students facing significant barriers to attending school. (short-term)

### **Other Areas of Support**

Mental Health

Arts, Enrichment & Innovation

Robotics

Leadership

Environmental Stewardship

Indigenous Programming

# Looking Ahead

We are proud of the relationships we have with Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools and our community. We are committed to working together to continue to address the priority needs of the District and our students.

## Questions?

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