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Food for Thought: Langley School District Foundation Has Plan to Feed Hungry Kids

In this time of uncertainty when things are changing on an hourly basis, the Langley School District Foundation is reaching out to our community partners to seek your help and advice, in ensuring that all our students continue to receive the maximum benefit of the education to which they are entitled.

As you may know, more than 3,000 of our 23,000 Langley students come to school hungry every day. They have not had breakfast; they have no packed lunch and they go home to empty cupboards every weekend and holiday. For these vulnerable students, schools are not only where they receive nutritious meals, but are havens of caring and safety.

So, what happens when schools are closed indefinitely? Our students' desperate situations do not go away, in fact they intensify. The Foundation is therefore committed to continuing on with our Food for Thought Programs, offering breakfasts, lunches, snacks and weekend backpacks to all our students and families who need help. But in this coronavirus crisis, the logistics have obviously changed, and the need is far greater.

The Foundation has worked out a plan whereby it purchases gift cards at various grocery stores, including all four Langley Save-Ons, Super Store and Otter Co-op. The cards will be left at customer service along with a list of identified families who require assistance. Upon showing ID, the families receive a gift card and can shop as usual for food items. We hope that \$50/week will be enough to sustain our hungry families.

The Foundation currently spends more than \$400,000 per year to help feed our families. But we still need your help, especially now. If you would like to contribute to the Foundation fund to help our families, please make out tax receiptable donations to Langley School District Foundation and send to 4875-222nd Street, Langley, BC V3A 3Z7 or donate online on our Food for Thought page at www.langleyschooldistrictfoundation.com.

Thank you to all our community partners who are already part of our program, including Super Save Group, Vancouver Sun Adopt-a-School, Breakfast Clubs of Canada, Envision Financial, Premium Brands, Jewish Foundation, Re/Max Treeland, Tzu Chi Foundation, Aldergrove, Sunrise, Langley and Central Langley Rotary Clubs, United Churches of Langley and many others. For those of you who joining in, we are so very grateful. We could not do what we do without you.

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