

2026-2027 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants
APPLICATION

We are pleased to announce that the **2026-2027 application process for Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant** funding is now open! Please complete the application provided below and submit it **for consideration by December 18, 2026**.

KPRDSB has received \$45,500 in Pro Grant Funding for the 2026-2027 year. Applications that meet the criteria will be eligible for funding. Funding will be dependent on the number of eligible applications received, although applications may be capped at \$1,000, please apply for amount needed for the activity.

Each school shall identify the anticipated costs and intended outcome for the project. The following are program requirements:

- An outreach plan to inform parents of the program and its outcome.
- **Funding must be spent within the 2026-2027 school year.**
- **Projects must be completed within the 2026-2027 school year.**

Final reporting must include a financial expense summary which needs to include receipts/invoices, and financial breakdown.

An evaluation of outcomes based on project objectives, the number of parents, school councils, Parent Involvement Committees, Special Education Advisory Committees, Indigenous Education Advisory Councils and community partners that participated in the project, and the impact on parent confidence as well as direct feedback on the merits of the program from parents (e.g., in the form of a survey, or video recordings).

Ineligible Project Costs or Activities

- Activities that took place prior to September 1, 2026
- Payment to school board staff or volunteers, including salaries, honoraria, gifts
- Purchase of goods and services for which the ministry currently provides funding (e.g., textbooks, library books, school furniture, computers, cameras, projectors, student transportation)
- Activities, resources, or speakers for students
- Purchase of student supplies for home use (e.g., markers, paper, glue, scissors, prizes, student agendas, calendars, arts and crafts supplies, scrapbooks)
- Capital items such as televisions, sports equipment, shelving
- Portable/handheld devices such as tablets or laptops, unless devices are to be used as part of a parent lending library and the cost does not exceed 50% of the approved funding
- Computer software or applications, online subscriptions, voice messaging systems, website maintenance

- Entertainment activities such as barbecues, fun fairs, volunteer teas, dinners, movies nights, dances, concerts, and performances
- Field trips
- School signs, announcement boards/screens
- Landscaping or creation/equipping of outdoor classrooms
- **Refreshments exceeding 10% of the approved funding**
- **Advertising and promotion costs exceeding 10% of the approved funding**
- Prizes or incentives to parents and/or students
- Lessons for parents (e.g., French, English as a Second Language, computer, CPR)
- Fundraising events

Examples of Eligible Activities

- Family Math/Literacy/Science Night
- STEM Night for families
- Workshops for families
- Empowering and Educating Parents on Social Media Safety

Central administration expenses of transfer payment recipients, such as those listed below, must not exceed 10% of the “Maximum Project Funds”:

- Office Supplies
- Copying and Printing
- Postage

To submit this application, please choose one of the following methods:

- Send the original hardcopy through the school courier to the Education Centre to the attention of Kassandra Everden. Be sure to make a photocopy for your records. Please email kassandra_everden@kprdsb.ca to inform a hardcopy is being sent.
OR
- Save and email a copy to kassandra_everden@kprdsb.ca

2026-2027 PRO Grants Application Template

*(This template shall be completed by the school authority
DUE: December 18, 2026)*

Section A: General Information

School: _____

School Authority: _____

Total estimate of funding required: \$ _____

Section B: Project Information

(This section shall be completed for project/event)

Name of the project: _____

Date the project is to be held (or event date): _____

Which commitment is this project intended to align with? **Please check mark, or highlight to one, or more of the following:**

- Provide a safe and welcoming school environment;
- Maintain open communication with teachers;
- Respect parents as valued partners within the education system in relation to decisions about their child's education; and,
- Parents are informed about the content of the Ontario Curriculum Guidelines.)

Parent Engagement

Are parents leading the project? Yes No Partially

Does the project involve school councils? If so, estimate of how many? _____

Will the project involve a PIC, SEAC, or IAEC? If so, estimate of how many? _____

What is the estimate number of parents attending the event? _____

Other Involvement

Estimate number of school and district school board or school authority staff that may be attending the event? _____

Estimate number of students that will attend the event? _____

Will community organizations be participating in the event? If so, approx. # _____

Do you expect other school boards to be involved? If so, how many? _____

Description**Project description**

Please describe your project to include:

- Purpose and Objective;
- Goals;
- Intended outcomes; and,
- Actions that to be used to achieve the outcome.

Project Reach

How many parents, staff members, and external community participants (i.e. community partners, parents/guardians) do you anticipate reaching through this project? _____

Challenges

Any anticipated challenges for this project?

Funding Information

Total Funding Estimated for the Project: _____

Will there be external funding provided? How much? Who will be providing it (DSB, external organization, private contributions)? _____

Outline the project estimates based on the items or services required, the purpose of those items/services, and the cost expected (Note: use exact figures – do not round costs to the nearest dollar).

EXPENSE	ITEMS AND SERVICES	PURPOSE	COST (\$)
Facilitator/Speaker			
Refreshments			
Translation			
Materials (printing, workshop resources, etc.)			
Promotion/advertising			
Childcare			
Parent lending library materials			
Administrative costs			
Transportation			
Other project costs (please specify)			
TOTAL			

Thank you for completing this application. Notification of funding to be allocated will be sent after review of all applications has taken place.