



YNCU ANNOUNCES RECEIVING CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOLS OF THE YNCU TEACH GRANT

Based on community nominations and votes, YNCU is proud to thank the classrooms and schools who continued to prioritize students during the pandemic

KITCHENER, ON | MAY 25, 2022 - Launched on April 4th, 2022, community members in service regions across Ontario were invited to nominate and celebrate the classrooms and schools who worked hard to pivot resources and teaching methods, keeping students safe and engaged throughout COVID-19. After a week of public voting and a total of 2,734 votes received, Your Neighbourhood Credit Union (YNCU) is excited to announce the classroom and school recipients of the YNCU TEACH Grant.

As part of the YNCU TEACH Grant, two schools have been awarded with \$5,000 grants, while one classroom at the elementary school level was selected to receive the \$1,000 grant.

“It has been incredible watching communities across the province come together to support and give back to the educators and schools who have stood by students during these challenging past few years,” says Shaylan Spurway, Manager, Marketing & Community Education.

Selected as one of two school recipients, Kitchener-based King Edward Public School is a small, community-driven school that offers exceptional support to a diverse population of students. With \$5,000 representing two years worth of fundraising, this grant will go towards ensuring field trips and other enriching activities are accessible to all students, will fund support programs for students and their families and alleviate the burden of fundraising on the community.

Based in Sault Ste. Marie, Queen Elizabeth Public School has been selected as the second school recipient due to their tireless dedication to their students, both in-person and virtually, throughout COVID-19. Going beyond responsibilities in the classroom, many teachers went out of their way to do distanced visits at student’s homes, dropping off goodies during holidays and coordinating distanced open-air activities to keep students connected. Funding from the YNCU TEACH Grant will go towards providing additional learning activities for all students.

Selected to receive the classroom grant, Melissa Euale, a grade 4 teacher at F.H. Clergue French Immersion in Sault Ste. Marie is being recognized for her ongoing efforts to enhance her classroom as learning environments were required to change, often paying for new materials



and activities with her own funds. Support from the YNCU TEACH Grant will go towards replacing materials that are no longer relevant due to changing classroom needs.

“All of the recipients’ stories are inspiring and really showcase how essential our schools and educators were throughout the pandemic and beyond,” says Marie Delvecchio, Manager, Member Services at the YNCU Bay Street branch in Sault Ste. Marie. “ We are thrilled to know the YNCU TEACH Grants will go towards essential school and classroom upgrades, as well as programs that will continue to benefit students for years to come.”

To learn more about the YNCU TEACH Grant, please visit <https://www.yncu.com/teach>.

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