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Bimose Tribal Council Inc.	Connecting Anishinaabemowin Within Our Schools and Communities	Bimose Tribal Council Inc. will develop parent engagement workshops to focus on increasing the use of the Anishinaabe language and culture within six First Nation communities and schools. Language programs and workshops will support language retention and increase the use of the Anishinaabe language from schools to home.	\$ 10,000
Black Creek Community Health Centre	Engaging Jane/Finch Parents in Skill-Building for Inclusive Schools	The Black Creek Community Health Centre will offer a series of workshops to parents to enhance parent leadership, and to foster inclusive education environments. Parents will receive resources that will enable them to intervene positively in situations of racism, bullying and exclusion.	\$ 7,500
Boost Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention	Sister 2 Sister: Connected Families, Connected Communities	Boost Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention will offer a series of skill building events to bring parents, caregivers and family members of grade 8 girls together to share strategies, successes and ideas to support these young women to transition from elementary school to high school. Local community organizations will assist with the planning and implementation, allowing parents and caregivers to network with groups that can support their families.	\$ 5,000
Brant Haldimand Norfolk CDSB	Raising Emotionally Healthy Children	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board will host a symposium for parents, staff, educators and community support workers to deepen their understanding of mental health and wellness. Parents will be provided with strategies and resources to effectively support their children's mental wellness and assist in the breakdown of barriers and stigma surrounding children who experience emotional and mental challenges.	\$ 10,000
Bruce Grey CDSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Experience Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board	The Parent Involvement Committee of Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board will present a series of workshops for parents in thirteen area schools to raise awareness about diversity in schools and in communities. Parents will gain knowledge on how to support their children's educational, emotional and physical needs.	\$ 10,000

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Bully Free Community Alliance of York Region	Fostering School and Community Connections	Bully Free Community Alliance of York Region will collaborate with eight local schools to host a series of parent workshops on topics such as bullying prevention, safe schools, mental health and wellness, social media, numeracy and financial literacy. Parents will have skill building opportunities and receive resources to help them support their children's learning and well-being.	\$ 5,000
Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities	Awareness for Parents of Children with Disabilities	The Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities will provide culturally responsive workshops across the Peel and Toronto region to engage diverse parents of students with disabilities – particularly parents who speak Arabic, Punjabi, Somali, Urdu, and Hindi, to support their children's journey through elementary and secondary school.	\$ 7,500
Caribbean Women's Society	Caribbean-Canadian Education Strategy	The Caribbean Women's Society will provide parent engagement opportunities such as Parent-to-Parent workshops, a Parent-to-Principal session, and a toolkit for parents from the Caribbean-Canadian community. The project will foster connections and partnerships between schools and the Caribbean-Canadian community to further inform and engage parents in their children's learning and well-being.	\$ 10,000
CDSB of Eastern Ontario - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)	Connecting with Parents to Build Resiliency and Positive Mental Health	The Special Education Advisory Committee of Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will develop resources and offer outreach sessions for parents to build resiliency and positive mental health strategies to support their children at home, in school, and the community.	\$ 8,500
CDSB of Eastern Ontario - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Parent Involvement Committee Speaker Series	The Parent Involvement Committee of Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will provide workshops for parents on mental health, well-being and math. These sessions will offer insight on child safety, student well-being, and math strategies while examining ways parents and schools can work collaboratively to develop strategies and linkages to support each other.	\$ 10,000

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Centre for Addiction and Mental Health	Our Voices, Our Stories: Supporting Newly Arrived Syrian Families in School Engagement, Integration, Mathematical Literacy, and Overall Well-Being	The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health will facilitate activities (such as mathematics and literacy family nights, cultural events, and workshops where parents will be able to participate and share their experience around resiliency) for newly arrived Syrian families in the Thames Valley District School Board.	\$ 10,000
Centre for Immigrant and Community Services	Supporting Parents to Enhance Student Success	The Centre for Immigrant and Community Services will provide training sessions to support newcomer parents in understanding the Ontario publicly-funded school system and be actively involved in their children's learning and well-being.	\$ 5,000
Community Builders	Positive Skill-Building for Inclusive Schools	With support from the Toronto District School Board, the Community Builders Youth Leadership organization will engage parents in East Scarborough by offering practical leadership training on listening and conflict resolution to enable them to intervene positively in situations of racism, bullying and exclusion. Using a train the trainer approach, parents will have the opportunity to build leadership skills and support their children in creating safe and caring schools.	\$ 7,500
Community Living Kingston and District	Supporting Parent Involvement in Transition Planning	Community Living Kingston and District will conduct workshops to provide information to families about the importance of early transition planning. Families will be matched with trained volunteers to create a personalized transition plan.	\$ 3,000
DSB Niagara - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Engaging Parents to Increase Student Achievement	The Parent Involvement Committee of District School Board of Niagara will host a Parent Conference for parents, guardians, educators and community members. Workshop may include success in mathematics; mental health and well-being; engaging First Nations parents; raising resilient children; introducing parents to the updated Health and Physical Education Curriculum; school council workshops; early learning programs; transitioning children from grade 8 to high school; and, transitioning out of high school.	\$ 12,500

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Dufferin-Peel CDSB - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)	Opening Doors to Opportunity	The Special Education Advisory Committee of Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will provide information, workshops and activities to parents, to better understand mental health, anxiety, stress, math and literacy strategies, and 21st century technology.	\$ 8,500
Durham CDSB	Sharing of Excellence- Parents as Partners	Durham Catholic District School Board will provide parents with knowledge to effectively support children and youth with exceptional learning needs. The goal is to continue efforts in providing parents with information, tools and resources in both English and French on special education topics, services and strategies.	\$ 7,500
Durham CDSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Engage Every Parent	The Parent Involvement Committee of Durham Catholic District School Board will organize a series of events for parents, including a weekly mindfulness practice to help their children become mindful citizens and learners, a Healthy Mind & Spirit Symposium where workshops will encourage families towards a healthy mind, body and spirit, and a social media safety presentation that will provide parents with information and skills on internet safety.	\$ 12,500
Durham DSB	Assistive Technology Training for Parents/Guardians	Durham District School Board will host a weekend event for parents that will include sessions in area of assistive technology. Parents will be trained and gain knowledge in the technology available for their child. By educating parents on the use of these technologies, they will be able to assist children with homework and tasks to influence successful learning.	\$ 5,000
Durham DSB	Steering the Course: Parenting for Success	Durham District School Board will hold a symposium for parents to support their teens as they navigate high school and their post-secondary careers. The symposium will cover topics such as accessing scholarship, bursary and grant opportunities, guiding course selection, engaging in experiential learning, and creating conditions for optimal mental health. The board will also develop a digital video series to help parents learn strategies for keeping young men engaged in their learning.	\$ 12,500

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Durham DSB - Durham Black Educators' Network	Leadership and Networking for Student Achievement and Well-Being	The Durham Black Educators' Network of Durham District School Board will engage parents, guardians and caregivers to support their children in developing leadership qualities and recognize community opportunities. The Network will develop and implement a mentorship program to support parent engagement and success of Black male students.	\$ 7,500
Egale Canada Human Rights Trust	Resources for Parents of Trans Youth	Egale Canada Human Rights Trust will host focus groups with parents of trans youth across Ontario to learn about the barriers these parents face with the education system, their resource needs, and what has and has not worked for them. Information from the focus groups will be used to create bilingual resources for parents of trans youth on how to effectively support their child as well as a road map of how to navigate the education system.	\$ 7,500
Eritrean Parents Liaison Council	Parents as Leaders in Education	Eritrean Parents Liaison Council will undertake outreach activities to recent immigrants, including a series of workshops on various topics on parent engagement and helping children succeed in school, with the goal of supporting parents to become leaders in their children's education.	\$ 7,500
Filipino-Canadian Parents Association in Catholic Education	Successful Transitions: Strategies, Tools and Resources	Filipino-Canadian Parent Association in Catholic Education will hold a conference and workshops to encourage Filipino-Canadians to have a better understanding of Ontario's school system, parent engagement, and student success.	\$ 5,000
Greater Essex County DSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Maintaining and Expanding Our Community Relationships Through Learning	The Parent Involvement Committee of Greater Essex County District School Board will host skill building workshops and provide support for parents in the community through seminars on various topics including children's mental health. The overall objective is to increase parent involvement within schools and recognize that schools are a place where both parents and students can learn.	\$ 12,500

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Greater Essex County DSB - Indigenous Parent Council	Nurturing Parent Guardian Learning	The Indigenous Parent Council of Greater Essex County District School Board will provide Indigenous parents with a series of sessions that will focus on the Seven Grandfather Teachings. The goal is to build parental self-efficacy to increase parent engagement and increase levels of public confidence and cultural awareness within the Indigenous parent community.	\$ 10,000
Halton CDSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Webinar Parent Speaker Series	The Parent Involvement Committee of Halton Catholic District School Board will provide a range of opportunities for parent engagement through a number of activities including webinars, videos, resources for parents, presentations, and a one-day conference covering topics such as the Math Curriculum, Health and Physical Education Curriculum, Anxiety and Mental Health, the Full-Day Kindergarten Program and Indigenous Education.	\$ 12,500
Halton DSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	2016 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Conference	The Parent Involvement Committee of Halton District School Board will plan and coordinate a Parent Involvement Committee Conference. Parents and guardians of all elementary and secondary school students from across the school board will be invited to participate in workshops, view community displays and become part of a support network for parent engagement. Following the conference, a series of workshops will be delivered to the Regional School-Based PIC representatives to enhance and support parent engagement at a school-community level.	\$ 12,500
Hamilton-Wentworth CDSB	Parent Conference	The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will hold a conference for parents and Syrian newcomers on topics such as Indigenous education, mathematics, and the importance of parent involvement. The conference will include a keynote speaker and skill building workshops, where parents can network, share ideas and best practices.	\$ 5,000
Hamilton-Wentworth DSB	Engaging Parents in Equity, Engagement and Achievement	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will offer a series of monthly sessions and workshops for parents of youth who identify as transgender and gender non-conforming to increase student success both academically and socially. It is intended that parents of lesbian, gay and bi-sexual youth will engage in meaningful dialogue to support HWDSB students and continue to build partnerships with a variety of community agencies that support the LGBTQ community.	\$ 4,000

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Hamilton-Wentworth DSB	Engaging Parents from Newcomer Communities	Hamilton District School Board will provide parent engagement sessions specifically targeted to newcomers, including Syrian families, and parents of English Language Learners (ELL). Sessions will provide parents with the knowledge, skills and tools they need to support student learning at home and at school, specifically in the area of mathematics and technology.	\$ 5,000
Hamilton-Wentworth DSB - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)	Bridging Between Home and School at Hamilton Wentworth District School Board	The Special Education Advisory Committee of Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will offer workshops to support the understanding of special education to parents of children with special education needs. Session topics will include Identification and Placement Review Committee (IPRC), Individual Education Plan (IEP), Collaborative Problem Solving, and Transitions to Kindergarten and between grade 8 and 9.	\$ 8,500
Hastings & Prince Edward DSB	Every School Day Counts	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board will provide training and support to parents and staff on adopting a mindfulness-strengths based perspective and practice. This will be delivered through professional development opportunities, parent workshops, newsletters, and social media. The goal of this project is to strengthen parent relationships with their school community and create opportunities to understand how a strengths based environment will result in improved attendance, achievement and well-being for all students.	\$ 10,000
Hastings & Prince Edward DSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Family Math Project	The Parent Involvement Committee of Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board will hold multiple family math events. The goal is to provide student and parents with a positive experience when engaging in mathematical thinking. Children will have the opportunity to see that their parents value math while parents participate in math activities in a non-threatening environment so they can engage as partners in student learning.	\$ 9,000
Huron Perth CDSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Tips for Parents	The Parent Involvement Committee of Huron Perth Catholic District School Board will work with the board's curriculum team to develop public service announcements aimed at parents, giving tips about a variety of subjects, including mathematics, literacy, physical and mental health and well-being, and the arts.	\$ 4,500

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Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Parent Resources	The Parent Involvement Committee of Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board will print and distribute parent resources to accompany their online multimedia campaign. These resources will cover a variety of topics including literacy and math skills; early years; understanding report cards; safe schools; equity and inclusive education; health and well-being; nutrition policies; homework, internet safety, understanding First Nations Métis and Inuit culture; and French immersion.	\$ 10,000
Learning Disabilities Association of Halton	Parent Engagement Toolkit	The Learning Disabilities Association of Halton will offer a series of workshops and presentations to give parents a better understanding of how learning disabilities may affect everyday life at home and at school in order to support student success at school. Topics will include organizational skills, Individual Education Plans (IEPs), physiological assessments, after-school homework, and executive functioning strategies. A parent engagement toolkit will also be developed which will consist of a resource binder with useful information for parents on matters related to the school system as well as on the specific needs of their child.	\$ 8,500
Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston	Inclusive Schools for All Forum	The Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston, in partnership with the Limestone District School Board Parent Involvement Committee, will host a one day Parents Forum that will bring together parents of children with and without learning and attention issues from across the region. The Forum will include a Keynote address, a panel discussion that includes parents, and skill building breakout sessions. The goal is to help create a safe and inclusive school environment for students.	\$ 8,500
Learning Disabilities Association of Lambton County	Improving Home-School Communication	The Learning Disabilities Association of Lambton County will hold a workshop in the region for parents, teachers and anyone interested in improving their relationship with the education system. The goal is to enhance communication between schools and parents by giving parents and teachers new tools to use in order to open communication and create an effective partnership.	\$ 5,000



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Learning Disabilities Association of London Region	Engaging Parents on their Child's Learning Differences	The Learning Disabilities Association of London Region will offer workshops and sessions throughout the year for parents who wish to become more positive advocates for their children through building knowledge and improved connections with the children's school and the school system. A one day conference will also be offered for parents, families, school personnel and community agencies working together to support students with learning disabilities and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).	\$ 5,000
Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury	Empowering Parents, Inspiring Children	The Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury will establish parent support groups for parents of students with learning differences to discuss intervention strategies and share communication skills around the challenges facing children with learning differences. Parents will be encouraged to have the Learning Disabilities Association Resource Facilitator accompany them to Identification and Placement Review Committee (IPRC) and Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings at their children's school. To support parents in rural and remote locations, additional regional workshops will be offered and live streamed to support parents and their children with special needs.	\$ 8,500
Learning Disabilities Association Of Wellington County	Parent Conference	The Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County will host a free conference for families with children with learning disabilities in Wellington County. Parents will have the opportunity to attend conference workshops, access field professionals and learn about self-advocacy, as well as network with other families to share experiences and access support through the community.	\$ 2,000
Learning Disabilities Association of York Region	Building Resiliency and Mental Health Awareness in Learning Disabilities	The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region will hold a series of seminars, focus groups and workshops, and provide resource materials to support parents of Vietnamese, Russian and African Heritage, and low income families in understanding learning disabilities. It will also host a conference for parents and educators to discuss the topics of well-being and resiliency and how the brain works to effectively support the students.	\$ 10,000

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Limestone DSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Engaging Parents for Resilient Children	The Parent Involvement Committee of Limestone District School Board will hold an event that will feature a keynote speaker related to the topic of resiliency. The event will also include breakout sessions on topics related to student wellness and parent engagement.	\$ 2,500
Muslim Educational Network, Training and Outreach Service (MENTORS)	Parents and Teachers working together for Student Success	Muslim Educational Network, Training and Outreach Service will offer interactive workshops facilitated by teachers on various topics. Parents will be provided with the latest information, tools and strategies to develop partnerships with schools, and support their child's learning experience.	\$ 7,500
Near North DSB	Celebrating Our Diversity While Expressing Our Identity	The Parent Involvement Committee of Near North District School Board will host a series of conferences to serve eight First Nation communities in Northern Ontario. The conferences will include a keynote speaker and several workshops for parents related to inclusivity, acceptance and safety at school. Additional topics will include the cultures of First Nation children and their families, the needs of LGBTQ students, and the needs of newcomers to northern Ontario communities.	\$ 15,000
Niagara CDSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Parent Engagement Events	The Parent Involvement Committee of Niagara Catholic District School Board will invite parents, staff and community representatives to attend a school meeting to share best practices to support their children's learning at home and their achievement and well-being at school. An event will also be held with workshops and information sessions to teach parents of new English Language Learner students how to navigate educational tools, and information to assist children with their math and literacy skills.	\$ 12,500
Nipissing-Parry Sound CDSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Fostering Well-Being For All - Mind, Body and Soul!	The Parent Involvement Committee of Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board will offer a symposium for parents and educators with a focus on promoting student well-being. The symposium will assist parents in building strong relationship skills and positive sense of self in their children. Learning sessions will also be planned throughout the year for parents, and serve to strengthen their role as partners in learning.	\$ 12,500

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Nokiiwin Tribal Council	Anishinaabe Culture Nights	Nokiiwin Tribal Council will host three Anishnaabe Culture Night events to share knowledge of Indigenous culture and language with parents, Indigenous community leaders, non-Indigenous school staff and community members. The goal of these events is to develop ongoing/increased awareness of Indigenous culture and will strengthen support for future cultural activities and parental involvement.	\$ 7,500
North Hamilton Community Health Centre	Igniting Conversations: A Path to Post Secondary	North Hamilton Community Health Centre will offer parents and their high school aged children organized site visits to local post-secondary institutions to educate and familiarize them about transitions to post-secondary institutions and to increase their understanding of the programs and supports offered. The project will create opportunities and increase knowledge of higher education to a population who is traditionally under-represented.	\$ 5,000
Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education	OAPCE 78th Annual Conference	The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education will partner with Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board to host a parent conference, which will include a networking event, workshops, and keynote speaker. The conference will focus on assisting parents to support their child's well-being and mental health.	\$ 15,000
Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations	Promoting Parent Voice in Achieving Student Success, Safety, and Well-Being	The Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations will host a conference to welcome and support parents from across the province. The conference will identify barriers to parent engagement and provide strategies for how to remove them. Leadership tools and skills on how to engage parents to become partners in their child's education will also be available.	\$ 15,000
Ontario Library Association	Summer Reading Toolkit for Parents	The Ontario Library Association will create an online, interactive toolkit and instructional videos that will inform parents of summer literacy programs for children. The goal is to inform parents about the importance of summer reading, encourage family participation in summer reading programs and to foster a love of reading among students of all abilities. The toolkit and videos will be targeted to all parents in Ontario, and also available online.	\$ 5,000

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Ottawa CDSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) & Catholic School Parents' Association (CSPA)	Supporting Student Success: Mind, Body and Spirit	Ottawa Catholic District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee and Catholic School Parents' Association (CSPA) will implement a number of initiatives aimed at encouraging parents to become more involved in their children's education. The group will host events for parents in the school board and other surrounding boards in the Eastern Ontario region. This year's focus will be on the mind, body and spirit of the student – a holistic approach. Specific topics will include: ELL families, support for newcomer families and special education.	\$ 7,500
Ottawa-Carleton DSB	Supporting, Encouraging, and Connecting Parents	The Parent Involvement Committee of Ottawa-Carleton District School Board in collaboration with the Special Education Advisory Committee, will host a series of parent workshops, a parent conference and a school council training day to support parent engagement across the board. The workshops will be held in local schools throughout the year on a variety of topics focused around well-being. This year's conference will have a focus on math and how parents can support their children's learning in this area. The school council training day is a one day event designed to support parents' involvement in school councils. Topics will include: school council finances, writing a constitution, communications, and PRO Grants. This training will run in partnership with the Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils.	\$ 15,000
PASS! (Parents Advocating for Student Success)	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Parent Conference 2017	Parents Advocating for Student Success (PASS) will organize an all-day Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Parent Conference planned by parents to support student achievement and well-being. The conference will include workshops, expert panel discussions, and exhibits. The goal of this conference is to support community capacity building to foster the relationship between parents and schools.	\$ 10,000
Peel DSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Improving Student Success in High Needs Neighbourhoods within Peel Region	The Parent Involvement Committee of Peel District School Board will partner with school councils and community representatives to address barriers to student success. They will organize a series of events in the community, specifically for parents in high needs areas. There will be various topics including: understanding Ontario's Education System, school readiness, supporting your child in EQAO testing, homework strategies and learning styles.	\$ 15,000
People for Education	People for Education Annual Conference 2016	People for Education will host its annual conference with the aim of connecting parents with educational stakeholders to encourage learning from each other. The conference aims to improve relationship and trust-building, improve public confidence in the public education system, provide parents with access to the tools they need to help their children succeed, and support networking among parents' organizations.	\$ 10,000

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Peterborough Victoria Northumberland CDSB	Clarington Region Parent Engagement Series	This project aims to increase the level of parent engagement by offering a series of parent engagement events across the Clarington Region. The goal is to raise awareness about specific barriers to family engagement and help parents learn practical strategies to support the educational needs of families.	\$ 10,000
Positive Space Network of Halton	Bridging Gaps: Connecting Parents through LGBTQ Race, Culture, Faith and Language Identities	Positive Space Network of Halton will translate current resources to support parents in understanding LGBTQ issues in public school settings. This project aims to bridge the understanding and acceptance gap in language, culture and faith for parents and youth around LGBTQ identities. In addition, they will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in discussion circles and workshops.	\$ 5,000
Rainbow DSB	Parents as Partners: Pathways to Resilient Schools	The Rainbow District School Board will host engaging speakers for parents on the topic of resiliency and produce resource materials to support a strengths-based school culture. Parent resources will be posted online, providing parents with strategies to use at home to support their children's social and emotional well-being.	\$ 10,000
Rainy River DSB	Family (Math/Mental Health) Nights	Rainy River District School Board will plan and facilitate family events including Mental Health Family Night and Family Math Night. The goal of the project is to focus on purposeful learning and provide a strong foundation for students in math, well-being, safe, accepting and inclusive in schools, while engaging parents as partners in their children's education.	\$ 15,000
Renfrew County DSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Sharing, Caring, and Growing Together	The Parent Involvement Committee of Renfrew County District School Board will develop a hands on introductory resource toolkit for school councils in the board and will offer tutorials on how to use the resources. In addition, the PIC will host a conference and outreach learning sessions covering a variety of topics including Math, Technology and Parent Engagement.	\$ 9,000

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Rural Response for Healthy Children	Student Well-Being At Home For School Success	Rural Response for Healthy Children will work in collaboration with existing community partners, such as the Huron County Health Unit and local YMCAs to offer information sessions to parents across Huron County. This project will encourage building strong relationships at home, which influences successful learning at school. Parents will be provided with learning material, resources and information to support their child's well- being at home.	\$ 5,000
Sarnia-Lambton Rebound	Reaching Out	Sarnia-Lambton Rebound will support a one-day, interactive family conference to provide youth, parent/caregivers early intervention supports and strategies on positive mental health. The focus of the day will be to foster relationships, build engagement and strengthen ties between youth, adults and community partners.	\$ 5,000
Simcoe County DSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Circle of Learning - Engaging Parents Through Co-learning	The Parent Involvement Committee of Simcoe County District School Board will provide parents with strategies to support healthy living and eating; increase physical activity during and outside the school day; increase parental understanding of learning strategies used in the classroom (with a focus on numeracy) to support student achievement challenges; develop social emotional and self-regulation monitoring skills; and, the positive impact of using technology as a learning tool. The goals are to foster parents as co-learners, support student achievement and well-being by reducing geographic, socioeconomic and communication barriers, and to better engage parents in their school communities.	\$ 12,500
Simcoe County DSB	Parents as Partners - A Pathway to Success	Simcoe County District School Board, in partnership with their SEAC, the Special Education Department and relevant community service agencies, will provide a variety of parent workshops, guest speakers, and information sessions related to supporting children and youth of families with special education needs. The goal is to offer information and workshops allowing parents and teachers to better communicate with children with special needs. This project will encourage collaboration with families, schools and communities.	\$ 5,000

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Simcoe County DSB	Engaging Parents in Assistive and Inclusive Technology	Simcoe County District School Board will partner with various departments (Special Education, Program and Innovation and Student Success) to create a parent resource along with an Assistive Technology toolkit. The goal of the project is to raise awareness and basic understanding of assistive and inclusive technology. The board will host a parent evening to launch the resource along with a student run display of assistive technology. Parents will be provided tools to support and engage their children with school work at home.	\$ 5,000
Simcoe Muskoka CDSB - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)	Supporting Parent and Student Involvement in Transition Planning	The Special Education Advisory Committee of Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board will hold parent/student information sessions at their Barrie secondary schools in addition to general sessions to raise parent and student awareness of integrated transition planning, and to increase participation in the process. The goal is to raise awareness on available resources and encourage transition planning for all students.	\$ 7,500
Simcoe Muskoka CDSB	Families Writing Multilingual Books	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board will provide an opportunity to recognize and acknowledge first languages of students by working in partnership with their parents to write multilingual books for the library or classroom lending libraries. The school will provide staff support, guidance and Professional Development to use Google Slides to create the books. They will create multilingual book writing clubs or workshops in classrooms or schools with higher numbers of English language learners (ELL).	\$ 5,000
St. Clair CDSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Mission Math	The Parent Involvement Committee of St. Clair Catholic District School Board will offer family math sessions to support parents to work and play with their children to develop positive attitudes toward mathematics. Parents and children will attend sessions together, which will be held across the board.	\$ 10,000

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Sudbury CDSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Promoting Well-Being: The Power of the Parent-School-Community Partnership	The Parent Involvement Committee of Sudbury Catholic District School Board, in partnership with various community partners will offer a series of parent-educator sessions focused on health and well-being. The goal is to build parental capacity in collaboration with school personnel to create strength-based social environments focused on nurturing the physical, emotional, cognitive and social well-being of students to support learning and achievement.	\$ 15,000
Superior North CDSB	Building Positive Self-Esteem and Resiliency	The Superior North Catholic District School Board will host two sessions featuring a speaker to teach students and their parents to think and act beyond their emotions in order to make choices that will make them confident and resilient citizens. The project will reach many schools within the region and will emphasize the importance of building positive self-esteem and resiliency.	\$ 10,000
Superior-Greenstone DSB	21st Century Classrooms: Connecting with Technology	Superior-Greenstone District School Board will host a parent engagement night at several schools within the board, featuring a keynote speaker and breakout sessions. This project aims to provide information to parents about 21st century competencies, technology within classrooms, and demonstrate that learning is done through a variety of tools and media.	\$ 10,000
Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations	Raising Resilient Children	The Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations will host a speaker session for parents and educators across the Thames Valley District School Board. The keynote speech will address common challenges that children and youth face, including dealing with troublesome behaviours and supporting children at school. The goal is to provide parents with a greater understanding of how they can help their children mature into resilient, resourceful and emotionally balanced individuals.	\$ 7,500



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Thames Valley DSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Connecting Families for Mental Health and Well-Being	The Parent Involvement Committee of Thames Valley District School Board will host three regional evening sessions in Oxford County, Elgin County and Middlesex County, and a conference in London. The goal of this project is to have speakers that will provide information and offer support to parents about well-being and mental health, resiliency, and self regulation.	\$ 10,000
The Parent Resource Centre	Fun with Literacy and Numeracy	The Parent Resource Centre will provide parents of the Ottawa region with the opportunity to participate in a series of parent workshops in French and English. Each workshop will have a different focus and will integrate theoretical concepts and hands-on activities for early literacy and numeracy, for parents with children between the ages of 0-6.	\$ 5,000
The Story Garden Literacy Centre	Read with Love, Read for Life	The Story Garden Literacy Centre will provide parents with the necessary tools to foster their children's literacy skills. This project will benefit families in the community by giving parents the skills and ideas needed to lead and be engaged in their children's literacy development at home, thereby increasing their capacity for intellectual, emotional, and social growth and development. This project will also benefit schools in the Peel District School Board and Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board by supporting parents and caregivers in providing a learning-based, literacy-rich environment for their children before entering kindergarten.	\$ 7,500
Toronto CDSB	Parents as Partners: Building on Past Success to Break Down Barriers	Toronto Catholic District School Board will host a conference for newcomer families, focusing on supporting learning at home. Monthly workshops for school councils, and four parent workshops for parent groups including Indigenous, Portuguese, Spanish, Filipino, Syrian and African-Canadian parents will also be provided.	\$ 10,000

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Toronto CDSB	Enhancing Parent Understanding Around Special Needs and the Supports Available at School	The Toronto Catholic District School Board will create four parent-focused videos that will explain the Identification Placement and Review (IPRC) process for students who have education needs in the following areas: speech impairment, language impairment, autism spectrum disorder and deaf/hard of hearing.	\$ 7,500
Toronto CDSB	Engaging Parents to Use their Heritage Language To Support Student Success and Well-Being	The Toronto Catholic District School Board aims to enhance parent awareness and understanding of the importance of using their heritage language at home by creating resource videos in three different languages that supplement the lending library books. By building parent awareness, it will increase parent participation in assisting their child with homework and will help reduce the language barrier that may prevent newcomer families, whose children attend the Kindergarten Language Program (KLP), from fully participating in their children's education.	\$ 7,500
Toronto CDSB - Advisory Committee for Spanish-Speaking Communities	Parent Focus Groups	The Advisory Committee for Spanish-Speaking Communities of Toronto Catholic District School Board will host focus groups with Spanish-speaking parents to gather information on how to support them to engage in their children's learning and well-being.	\$ 5,000
Toronto CDSB - Portuguese Speaking Advisory Committee	Portuguese-Speaking Parents Supporting Parents	The Portuguese-Speaking Advisory Committee of Toronto Catholic District School Board will develop materials and deliver a public awareness campaign on the benefits of parent engagement for families who are traditionally less engaged. The project will provide opportunities for parents to feel better equipped to further engage in their child's learning. It will provide information and strategies about how best to engage these groups of parents to overcome barriers and work closer within their school community.	\$ 5,000

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Toronto CDSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Expanding Parent Involvement Opportunities	The Parent Involvement Committee of Toronto Catholic District School Board will hold workshops in 12 TCDSB wards to encourage more parents to become engaged in their children's education. These workshops will cover topics such as "Helping Your Child" with Mathematics, Literacy, Parent Resources, and Internet Safety.	\$ 10,000
Toronto DSB	Exploring Anti-Black Racism in Family Engagement	The Toronto District School Board will organize a series of café conversations in settings across the board to dialogue and gather information from parents of African Descent on the challenges and impact of anti-black racism and parent/family engagement in seven specific communities. They will organize speakers forum for parents and staff across various topics including family engagement, health and mental health of families and students. At the end of the project, all participants will be invited to a community gathering to network and provide summaries from all sites.	\$ 8,500
Toronto DSB	2017 Parents as Partners Conference	Toronto District School Board will partner with other TDSB Advisory groups, in order to plan and deliver a conference which will help shape parent engagement opportunities by engaging in two-way, mutual discussion and increasing parent access to programs and resources. This project will build parent capacity, school capacity and system level capacity by strengthening the knowledge and skills of all stakeholders to support student well-being.	\$ 9,000
Toronto DSB - Eglinton-Lawrence Parents	Improving Parent Engagement	The Eglinton-Lawrence Parents of Toronto District School Board aims to provide parents with tools to support their children within a school environment and with their school work at home. Workshops will be provided to educators and parents to help facilitate learning and strengthen this working relationship. The school council chairs in TDSB Ward 8 will work in partnership with their trustee, superintendent, school leaders, teachers and students to co-design and implement a series of "Parents as Partners" learning forums.	\$ 7,500
Toronto DSB	Engaging Parents in Mental Health & Well-Being	Toronto District School Board will design and deliver workshops and training to parents/caregivers. The goal is to give parents the opportunity and resources to increase their knowledge about mental health and well-being. A secondary goal is to enhance communication between parents and the school, by increasing the understanding of how best support their children's mental health and well-being needs.	\$ 7,500

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Toronto DSB - Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)	Parents As Partners Conference and Workshop Webinar Series	The Parent Involvement Advisory Committee of Toronto District School Board will host a conference and workshop-webinar series to engage and provide more parents with opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills and competencies they need to actively support their children's learning at home and at school. Topics will include how to run an effective school council and how parents can actively participate in their children's education to help improve student achievement and overall well-being.	\$ 10,000
Toronto DSB - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)	2017 Parents as Partners Conference	The Special Education Advisory Committee of Toronto District School Board will work with the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee, Mental Health and Well-Being Parent Partnership Committee, Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee and TDSB Model Schools for Inner Cities Parent Academy Committees to deliver a conference for parents. There will be opportunities for parents to understand and access resources and programs available in the TDSB to support student success and well-being.	\$ 7,500
Upper Canada DSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Parents in Partnership	The Parent Involvement Committee of Upper Canada District School Board will create awareness for parent involvement and supports available for parents. This project will publish a series of articles in local newspapers on the importance of parent engagement in their children's learning and well-being.	\$ 10,000
Upper Grand DSB - Dufferin Joint Council	Social Media and Learning Technology for Parents	The Upper Grand District School Board - Dufferin Joint Council will host an event for parents within the Dufferin community. The event will provide parents with tools to understand the benefits and risks of social media and technology on student achievement and well-being in the 21st century. Topics for discussion will include: digital citizenship, social media safety, and cyber-bullying prevention.	\$ 7,500

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Waterloo CDSB	Empowering Families - Parent Engagement Workshops	The Waterloo Catholic District School Board will host workshops for parent members of PIC and school councils across the board. These workshops will be led by the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC). Key topics for discussion will include: the role of council and the overall mandate of CPIC. There will be skill building opportunities for parents about math and mental-health to support student achievement and well-being.	\$ 10,000
Waterloo CDSB - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)	Engaging Parents of Students with Special Needs to Support Student Success	The Special Education Advisory Committee of Waterloo Catholic District School Board will host an event in the spring to build capacity around parents' understanding of special education. The event will provide skill building opportunities and tools for parents to better understand Ontario's special education system and the role parents play to support their child's achievement and well-being. Additional topics will include: transitions, math, resiliency, mental health, 21st century learning, and assisted technology.	\$ 8,500
Waterloo Region DSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Supporting Students through Parent Engagement	The Parent Involvement Committee of Waterloo Region will host a one-day conference for parents aimed at helping build parents' skills to encourage parent engagement in the 21st century. The keynote will encompass character development and well-being, emphasizing the whole child. Topics include: critical thinking, emotional intelligence, resilience and the growth mindset. Local community groups and services that align with the goals of the conference will be invited to set up displays for parents. There will also be a variety of workshops offered to parents throughout the day.	\$ 10,000
Windsor-Essex CDSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Your Family Matters; Every Family Matters	The Parent Involvement Committee of Windsor-Essex Catholic District School board will organize two community resource fairs for parents and community residents. This open forum will provide a welcoming environment for parents to seek information and strategies about their role in supporting their child's learning. Some materials will be translated and guest speaker and workshops on various topics will be provided.	\$ 12,500

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Woolwich Community Health Centre	Low German Mennonite Family Engagement	The Woolwich Community Health Centre in collaboration with Waterloo Region District School Board will develop their second educational video to inform families about their alternative high school program and pathways for youth. The team will also organize four evening workshops for families. The goal of the project is to support Low German Mennonite families in the northern townships of Waterloo region.	\$ 7,500
York CDSB - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Supporting Enhanced Parent Engagement	The Parent Involvement Committee of York Catholic District School Board will host a conference and regional forums for parents across the board to support parent engagement. Themes will include: mental health, math, and 21st century learning. Parents will have the opportunity to network, learn best practices, and further develop skills in supporting their children's achievement and well-being.	\$ 10,000
York Region DSB	Parent Voice Matters	York Region District School Board will host a 2017 Regional Parent Symposium for parents across all of York Region. The 2017 Symposium will focus on areas from the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA), including: barriers to engagement for newcomer families, families with diverse family structures; and families living in poverty and other marginalized groups. Some workshops and information will be available in multiple languages for parents/caregivers to ensure that this barrier is removed or minimized.	\$ 12,500
York University	Supporting School-Based Teaching Strategies: Videos for Parents	York University will collaborate with parents and teachers to develop eight videos with strategies to support student's reading, writing and mathematics at home. These videos will be released monthly with opportunities for parents to provide feedback after each posting.	\$ 10,000
YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin	Elgin Community Cares	The YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin will deliver a series of inclusive workshops in schools across Elgin County. These workshops will have various themes including safe talk, resiliency, mental health and well-being , and parent connections. The project aims to increase parent engagement through enhancing the awareness of community supports and services available to support student academic and social success.	\$ 7,500