



Special Message from Dr. Linda Miller

Board Chair of the Edmonton Public School Foundation Board

On behalf of the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation, I would like to acknowledge and share the Foundation's concern for the youth involved in the assault that occurred recently near Rosslyn School. We share our support of Superintendent Darrel Robertson's commitment to address racism within Edmonton Public Schools:

***"We acknowledge racism exists in our schools and our community;
we remain committed to working together to dismantle systemic racism and
renewing our focus on anti-racism education.***

***While our Division is taking steps and working with the community around
the elimination of racism in our schools, it's clear that we still have much work to do."***
Darrel Robertson, Superintendent

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Thank you for supporting our Kinders! Full-day Kindergarten helps all students, but it is especially beneficial for children coming from low socioeconomic or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. Adding more time to the day is critical for these little learners because the research tells us that 85 per cent of brain growth occurs before age six.

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Don't Forget!

Sign Up and Participate in our 2021 Reading for Life Virtual Fundraiser

Help us help kids! Join us on **May 7** and make a DIFFERENCE in the life of a child. Click [here](#) to RSVP and read details about how to get involved in our **Reading for Life Virtual Fundraiser**.

Due to fundraising challenges experienced as a result of this pandemic, contributions made during this event are critical to helping us sustain the six full-day Kindergarten programs funded by our Foundation.

Donations made through **YOUR** involvement in this virtual fundraiser will be matched up to \$10,000, made possible in part through the support from the [Heart + Soul Fund](#) by EPCOR.

We are truly grateful to EPCOR for their 11 years of volunteering and investing in children's early learning years.



Donor Story: Shared by Amy Bernier

Meet Amy Bernier! She is one of our amazing volunteers and is a long-time donor through our employee giving program.

Over the years, I have worked at a number of Edmonton Public schools that reside in socially vulnerable neighbourhoods and witnessed first-hand how much these schools depend on support from the generous community of Edmonton.

In 2013, I was working at Princeton School and was so excited to help with the planning of a Celebration Party to announce the opening of a full-day Kindergarten program at Princeton during the 2013-14 school year. This program is funded by the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation and its amazing donors who believe in early learning intervention.

Over time, I recognized the incredible impact full-day Kindergarten was having on the Kindergarten students and asked the Foundation staff, "How can I get more involved." Not only did I register as a volunteer, I also decided to sign up for the Foundation's [employee giving program](#). It was as simple as preparing and submitting a form, and indicating how much I would like to contribute per pay period.

Since 2017, I have been a monthly contributor and am pleased to spread the word about the amazing things happening in full-day Kindergarten classrooms. Kids have more time to be confident learners, more time to develop appropriate communication skills and more time to prepare for moving on to Grade 1. I strongly believe it is an investment in their future and ours!



Give Now

100 per cent of all donations go directly into our full-day Kindergarten piggybank to help more children succeed in learning and in life.
Thank you for **making your gift today.**

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The Edmonton Public Schools Foundation is a registered charity working to level the educational playing field for children who come to the classroom at a disadvantage. To learn more or become involved, please **[contact us.](#)**