

ELIMINATING FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO LEARNING

HALTON LEARNING FOUNDATION FACES GROWING DEMAND FOR STUDENT SUPPORT

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The number of vulnerable students within the Halton District School Board had already been on a steady rise for several years when the pandemic hit.

"About 1 in 10 students in the Halton District School Board live at or below the poverty line, which creates barriers to learning," said Lesley Mansfield, CEO of Halton Learning Foundation (HLF).

The foundation has seen about a 20 per cent increase year over year for the past three years, said Anne Cesak, chair of the HLF board. Over the course of the 2019/2020 school year, HLF provided \$330,000 in emergency financial support — food, clothing, school

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Anne Cesak is board chair for the Halton Learning Foundation, which is responding to the growing needs of students across the region.

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