

Stewart Avenue Public School

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Dear Parent(s),

Waterloo Region has a history in supporting a variety of communities and global relief efforts in situations where significant disaster and traumatic impact has occurred, such as that currently being experienced in Fort McMurray, Alberta. The continuing disaster forced Alberta to call a state of emergency after more than 88,000 people were forced out of their homes in and around Fort McMurray, sending evacuees to surrounding communities for shelter.

The Waterloo Region District School Board is a safe, caring and inclusive community and is working collaboratively with the Federal Government and community partners to ensure a seamless and coordinated support in securing funds that will support disaster relief efforts within the Fort McMurray region. At Stewart Avenue we have a donation box on Mrs. Murray's work station. As well on **Tuesday, May 24th** we will have a 'Toonie Tuesday' day to support the residents of Fort McMurray. We would ask that all students bring a toonie to donate on this day.

In addition to our donation box and our 'Toonie Tuesday', parents, students and staff members who wish to donate to the cause may consider donating through the Waterloo Region Education Foundation Inc. (WEFI) at <u>www.wrdsb.ca/wefi</u> between Tuesday, May 10th and Wednesday, June 15th, 2016. Donated funds will be directed by the Waterloo Education Foundation to the Canadian Red Cross, the agency identified by the WRDSB to coordinate the distribution of these funds. The Canadian Federal Government has made a commitment to match all donations that are directed through the Canadian Red Cross.

Thank you for your support of the residents of Fort McMurray.

Sincerely,

Ms. Leslie McNabb Principal Mr. Marc Vender Vice-Principal



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