

HLF receives \$14K boost from Tiger Jeet Singh Foundation

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Milton students will have fuller tummies and a few more books to read thanks to a donation by the Tiger Jeet Singh Foundation.

The Halton Learning Foundation (HLF) received \$14,000 from the foundation Feb. 10 at Troy's Diner.

The funds will be directed to four elementary and two high schools

in Milton to support initiatives such as literacy and breakfast programs, inclusive classrooms and mental health projects.

Tiger Jeet Singh Jr. and staff from HLF jointly presented cheques to school representatives at a reception hosted by Singh Jr., president of the Tiger Jeet Singh Foundation. HLF helps support quality education for Halton District School Board students by providing emergency

help and subsidies for students in need, post-secondary scholarships, and funds to assist schools that have classroom needs beyond core education funding.

Singh Jr. said the foundation jumped to help HLF when it discovered all that the non-profit group does to help local schools.

"This is also to give awareness to where the funds are going — to literacy, to mental health," he said.

"We live in a wonderful town, but as we know funding falls short sometimes.

"We hope to fill the void," Singh Jr. said, adding it's a pleasure to be an ambassador for HLF.

HLF's executive director Lesley Mansfield said she's pleased to partner with the Tiger Jeet Singh Foundation.

"Together, we are working to ensure financial barriers to education

are removed for students in the Halton District School Board," she said. "With one in 10 children living at or below the poverty line in Halton, these funds will help keep them engaged at school, focused on their studies but more importantly, make them feel like part of the community."

Schools receiving funds include Tiger Jeet Singh School, where they'll be used to augment and ex- ...13

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The Tiger Jeet Singh Foundation donated \$14,000 to the Halton Learning Foundation for six Milton school projects, including literacy and inclusive classroom initiatives. On hand for the cheque presentation were, (from left) HLF Executive Director Lesley Mansfield, Councillor Mike Cluett, Tiger Jeet Singh Jr., Milton District High School Vice-Principal Derek Graham, Irma Coulson School Vice-Principal Dennis Hamel, Hawthorne Village School Principal Anna Drummond and Tiger Jeet Singh School Vice-Principal Dave Valentine. *Franki Ikeman / Special to the Champion*

Funding makes way for rollout of new mental health programs, initiatives

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where money will be used to continue its breakfast program and offset its "high costs," said Vice-Principal Dennis Hamel; Craig Kielburger Secondary School, where the funds will serve to enhance the classroom experience with upgrades to technology; and Bruce Trail School.