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DTSSAB continues to help families with Back to School costs in 2008

The District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB) continues its commitment to the wellbeing of children across the District. The Ministry of Community and Social Services' decision to cancel the Back to School and Winter Clothing benefits with the introduction of the Ontario Child Benefit was implemented in July of this year.

As part of the National Child Benefit Reinvestment Strategy, the DTSSAB has countered this provincial decision and will provide these benefits, for this year only, and issue an equivalent amount to each eligible family in receipt of Ontario Works.

The Back to School benefit was issued to over 150 families in need across the District, equalling more than \$22,000 in funds to help our District's children be better prepared to start school next month.

The benefit for each child aged 4 to 12 attending school is \$73.00, while the amount for teenagers aged 13 to 17 is \$134.00.

The Back to School benefit has been issued in August 2008 and the Winter Clothing benefit will be issued in November 2008.

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