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DTSSAB Supports District Food Banks

The District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB) recognizes the effects of poverty on children and supports food security in our communities by allocating \$16,000 in funds from the National Child Benefit Reinvestment Strategy.

Through funding the District's five Food Banks, they in turn are able to assist families and thereby help to prevent or reduce the effects of child poverty in Timiskaming.

The Board recognizes that good nutrition is critical to a child's overall health. A child's physical and emotional growth and development enhances their ability to learn. Research has shown that proper nourishment for children and teenagers improves their cognitive performance and their educational achievement.

The disbursement of the funds were approved as follows:

- Salvation Army Food Bank - Kirkland Lake - \$5,000
- Salvation Army Food Bank - Tri-Towns - \$5,000
- Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford & Area Food Bank - \$2,000
- Haileybury Food Bank - \$2,000
- Englehart & Area Food Bank - \$2,000

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OR

Ms. Melissa Harrison, Chief Administrative Officer (A)