

# **S’Cool Life Fund celebrates 13th anniversary and now over \$2.9 million in school gifts**

- *1,125 Canadian Public Schools have now been recipients*
- *Charitable organization provides funding for Drama, Recreation, Extracurricular, Arts, Music and Sports*

TORONTO, December 17, 2018 /CNW/ - Christmas arrives early for thousands of public elementary students across the country, as S’Cool Life Fund announces the successful recipients of the 2018-2019 grants, bringing many new opportunities and learning experiences for students to look forward to in the new year.

Since 2005, the non-profit Canadian organization has been dedicated to providing the necessary funding for equipment and programs that create a more enjoyable and rewarding experience for public school students. “Nothing is more crucial to round out a child’s academic calendar and enjoy a school year than extracurricular activities,” stated John Bitove, Founder and Chairman. “S’Cool Life Fund is now celebrating 13 years of giving and we are proud that we have granted 1,125 Canadian public schools, over \$2.9 million to help give public school children the most well-rounded education possible. With an additional 43 schools receiving funding this year, we have continued to help enrich the lives of kids from coast to coast.”

Public schools are vital to our country. Providing funding for extracurricular activities is important to our young students, particularly in economically challenged areas where children need opportunities to participate, practice and learn to be future leaders.

Schools who received grants previously were happy to share their appreciation. Betty Huff Elementary School (Surrey, BC) wrote in 2017, “Dreams did come true as part of our Lion King theatre project. The program makes a huge impact in our inner-city kids’ lives. We hope to continue on our tradition next year and without the generous support of organizations like yours we could never make it happen.”

Royal Vale School (Montreal, QC), a grant recipient in 2017, said, “these funds will greatly help enrich the experience of the students in our music program. The students will now be able to perform on proper instruments and perform a wider variety of music that we were unable to play before.”

Glenwood School (Winnipeg, MB) extended thanks for S’Cool Life Fund’s support of their Open Gym Program in 2017. “With the financial support you have provided, we will be able to successfully get a new community program off the ground for our families where we can provide a safe, healthy, physically active alternative at no cost to participants.”

Since S’Cool Life Fund’s inception, more than a thousand schools have been awarded grants in support of students’ DREAMS - Drama, Recreation, Extracurricular, Arts, Music and Sports. Highlights from this year's grants include:

- Musical instruments for schools in high risk areas
- Books to start a reading club aimed to inspire ELL and indigenous students
- Community garden to grow fruits and vegetables that would benefit both the students, families and others

Grant applications for 2019-2020 school year will be available on S’Cool Life Fund’s website in Fall 2019. Submissions are reviewed and selected by a board of directors on an annual basis. For further information on S’Cool Life Fund and how to request support for your school’s DREAMS, public elementary school teachers, principals, and volunteer parent advisory groups across Canada can visit [www.scoollifefund.ca](http://www.scoollifefund.ca).

### **About S’Cool Life Fund**

S’Cool Life Fund raises funds and donates grants to public elementary school (K to 8) extracurricular activities and programs to help kids enjoy a more well-rounded school experience. SiriusXM Canada is one of the major sponsors and provides funding specifically for musical instruments through S’Cool Life Fund. For more information, please visit [www.scoollifefund.ca](http://www.scoollifefund.ca) or contact [info@scoollifefund.ca](mailto:info@scoollifefund.ca)

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