

EDUCATING THE WHOLE CHILD

St. Mark School, Stratford

2020-2021
PROJECT UPDATE



Grant Amount=\$9,632
Project Cost=\$9,632



200 Students Impacted
Preschool - Grade 8

PURPOSE: To purchase Second Step, a comprehensive, school-wide Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum to allow teachers to better care for the social-emotional development, safety and well-being of students.

IMPACT: The grant has made a significant impact on the quality of lessons. Caring for students' social and emotional well-being is paramount, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic when students have feelings of fear, anger, sadness and a longing for school to be "normal." Second Step gave teachers a platform to teach students coping skills to manage their emotions, set personal goals, develop a growth mindset, resolve conflicts and manage peer pressure. Students also participated in peer-to-peer discussions where they shared their feelings and how they may react in specific situations.

FUTURE PLANS: The program will continue. The PreK-Grade 5 classroom toolkits are a one-time purchase and the Grade 6-8 license platform is for 3 years. After the 3rd year, the school will set aside funding to renew the license.

