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PAUW FOUNDATION MAKES HISTORICAL \$350,000 DONATION TO LOCAL SCHOOL DIVISION

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The Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation announces a significant \$350,000 donation to Canadian Rockies Public Schools. The largest historical donation to schools in the Bow Valley, the Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation commits to a partnership that supports enhanced programming for CRPS students, with a shared goal of creating a ‘best-ever’ school experience. The goal is to endorse unique, made-in-the-mountains programs that enhance traditional learning, and to ensure affordability for programs such as athletics, that have high costs of participation.

DETAILS

- A total \$350,000 donation to CRPS for the 2019-2020 school year
 - **\$113,000 allocated to EXTRACURRICULAR AND ATHLETICS** including fee supplementation for extracurricular sports at the Banff and Canmore high schools and Banff Elementary School and full funding for Outdoor Pursuits programs at Banff Elementary and Elizabeth Rummel School
 - **\$135,000 allocated to OUTDOOR EDUCATION** supporting nature based learning programs at Banff Elementary School and the Canmore elementary schools, fee supplementation for high school students taking outdoor courses as options, and capacity building for the Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Centre
 - **\$107,000 allocated to ACADEMICS & WELLNESS** including support for Dual Credit opportunities, Creative Learning, Mental Health & Wellness, and graduate scholarships

HIGHLIGHTS

- Included in the above, \$75,000 is NEW funding towards Mental Health & Wellness initiatives, responding to an increasing need for psychological resources and seamless, normalized processes for students and their families seeking emotional support.
- Included in the above, and NEW this year, valued at \$75,000, is an extension of Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation funding into the Canmore school communities with athletic fee funding, nature based learning, and Outdoor Pursuits for Canmore students

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QUOTES

Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation Executive Director, Cathy Geisler

“We are fortunate that our schools offer so many enriching opportunities, from Kindergarten to Grade 12 outdoor learning, to mountain sports programs, to dual credit hands-on learning opportunities. These align with our Foundation goal for kids to embrace active, healthy, outdoor experiences. We are proud to work with the school community to ensure these programs are available and affordable.”

Canadian Rockies Public Schools Superintendent, Chris MacPhee

“We are so grateful to have this relationship and support from the Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation. For a small school division, we do offer wonderful programs; but they come at a cost that is not covered through provincial budgets. Without this gift from the Foundation, costs would be passed on to families and the programs would be in jeopardy.”

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE WIM & NANCY PAUW FOUNDATION

- In 2019, more than \$600,000 has been approved for disbursement for grassroots initiatives
- Since 2013, the Foundation has donated \$875,500 to Canadian Rockies Public Schools
- Total donations to the community between 2013 and 2019 equal \$1,475,500

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