

**Coming Soon: School Supply lists for the 2017-18 school year**

New next year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is adopting a Division wide school-supply list to lift some of the financial burden from families. Each grade will now have a standardized list of required supplies to complete the year to ensure families aren't purchasing materials in excess of what is being used in the classroom. The grade-specific lists are posted to the school website and will remain throughout the summer months.

**Tools for School**

Next Step has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2018-19 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact our school directly. We'll discretely provide the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and the Central Office at Elk Island Public Schools. All supplies donated within our community are invested back into in our region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Janet Clarkson (Fort Saskatchewan), Colleen Sims (Sherwood Park), Tanyss Rogers (Vegreville), or call the Central Office at 780-464-3477.