

Tepperman's

You realize quite quickly on a visit to the Tepperman's furniture store that they take education seriously.

The most prominent ad at the entrance is not for a fridge or a recliner-rocker, it's to register to win your child a \$1,000 scholarship. Since 1998 Tepperman's has invested more than half a million dollars in the Canadian Scholarship Trust Registered Education Saving Plan for children in Southwestern Ontario. They give out one each month.

But, on a closer, more personal level Tepperman's has been a valued and regular supporter of the Greater Essex County District School Board and our schools.

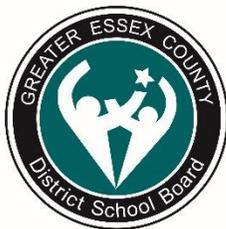
There are 2 particular instances which stand out among the many encounters throughout our relationship.

In June 2014 Noah Tepperman responded to a Tweet from early years teachers Kristen Wideen, who was trying to upgrade her classroom with donations from the community. That brief social media interaction led to a couple meetings and a discovery by Mr. Tepperman and admiration for all the great things that were happening with technology in that classroom.

Eventually he donated 2 comfy couches, an ottoman and a 50 inch screen TV to create a unique, new learning environment for the students. Five years later, that furniture is still being put to good use at Eastwood Public School.

Last summer, also prompted by social media, Tepperman's approached the organizers of our annual Summer Learning Program to provide a hot lunch for the campers at Dougall Public School. They provided pizza and Tepperman's staff didn't just make the delivery, they stayed around and read with the students, who called it "the best day ever". The staff from Tepperman's said they'd be back this summer, and we look forward to their continued participation in our Summer Learning Program.

As with the scholarship program, there has been no purchase necessary to receive this support from Tepperman's, it's the action of a true Champion for Education.



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