



Students Rally to Raise Funds for Students in Need With the Inaugural “Change for Change” Campaign

Funds Will Go To the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation Student Support Fund

Nanaimo, B.C. May 12, 2011 – District #68 Student Council is launching its first fundraising effort - **Change for Change** to raise money for the [Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation's](#) Student Support Fund. The inaugural Change for Change campaign runs from Thursday May 12th till Thursday May 19th.

Local student councils from Dover Bay, John Barsby, NDSS and Cedar Secondary put their heads together about they could make a difference after learning that SD #68 students were one of the most socio-economically disadvantaged in the province and that many students come to school hungry every day. The students have come up with a way to make a positive impact with their school-based fundraising by collecting spare change.

“I wanted to get involved in this project because it gives students the opportunity to show they care about the community they live in,” said Byron Miller, Dover Bay Student Council President. “At Dover we plan to have a buy-in jell-o eating contest, sell Change for Change tee shirts, ask for spare change and sell votes for Battle of the Bands to raised money.”

Students will be looking for donations from students and people within the community. Each secondary school will be doing its own promotions to raise money and are encouraging everyone to pitch in their extra coins. The money will go towards NLSF's Student Support Fund. The Student Support Fund is focused on helping these students who are most in need. Funds go directly to school principals to assist many of our districts vulnerable students who would otherwise be without the recourses to fully participate in school.

“Seeing students take the initiative to raise funds for our programs that support their own peers is amazing,” said Erin van Steen, Executive Director, Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation. “The issue of child poverty is in our own backyards and many students need the support of our programs.”

The Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation works with School District 68 to bring programs that better the lives of students through support programs and scholarship programs. Supplies and programs that are not covered by the school board budget can be supplemented through the Foundation. To make a donation to the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation, please contact www.nlsf.ca or 250-753-4074.

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ATTACHED PHOTO: Left to right: Byron Miller, Maryah Allen, Aly Eby from Dover Bay Student Council prepare for the Change for Change for fundraising campaign.