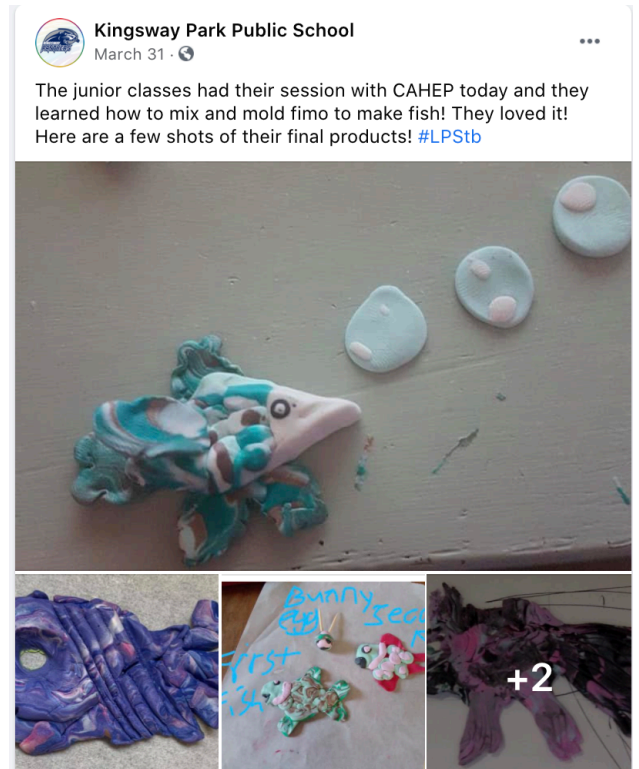
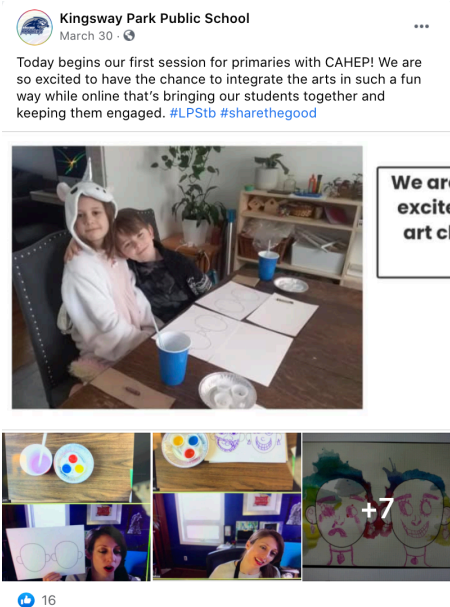
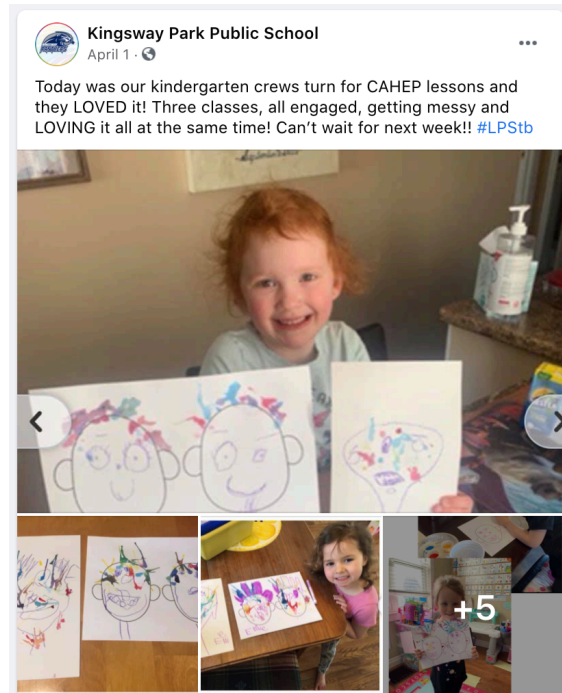


# Evidence of CAHEP's impact via letters of support/endorsements and FB postings from community and school partners.

**1. Kingsway Park Public School:** A few screenshots of Kingsway Public School's FB postings about CHAEP's programming with them for the 2020-21 school year (in lieu of a letter of support; in random order)



**Kingsway Park Public School**  
April 7 · 🌐

Today our junior students worked with artist Mallory Gresh via CAHEP to learn all about print making. Their lesson went through step by step how to create their stamp and then got they to learn how to make the prints!! We are just loving the opportunities CAHEP is creating for our students while they are at home!  
#LPStb

**Kingsway Park Public School**  
May 12 at 1:26 PM · 🌐

CAHEP was back with our junior students online today and our classes partook in a art lesson with pastels. We love how inclusive this program is for all our students and the piece of work submitted by Cody makes us so proud! #LPStb

**Kingsway Park Public School**  
November 20, 2020 · 🌐

In their art program our grade 5 class has been learning different techniques using watercolour pencils courtesy of CAHEP. They are ready to move on to creating their own watercolour piece now that they have practiced different techniques and we are SO EXCITED to see what they create! #LPStb

**Kingsway Park Public School**  
December 17, 2020 · 🌐

The intermediates are back at it today, working with CAHEP to make holiday cards and tags! Such amazing detail and thought is going into each and every one. #LPStb Community Arts & Heritage Education Project (CAHEP)

**Kingsway Park Public School**  
December 3, 2020 · 🌐

Check out the final result of our Grade 4 Water Colour lesson. They did an incredible job for their first time using this technique! We are so proud and can't wait to see their next lesson. Thank you CAHEP! #LPStb



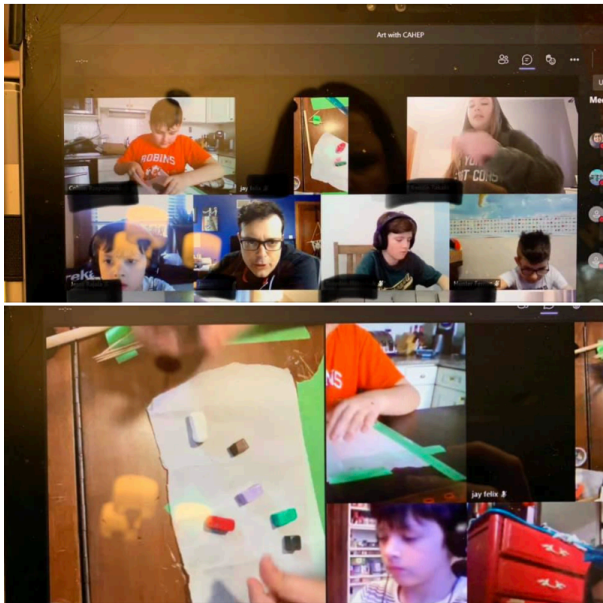
**Kingsway Park Public School**  
January 21 · 🌐

Our grade 6's have also partnered with CAHEP for some amazing arts programming. Today they were learning how to use watercolor colour pencils and trying different techniques. They were so proud of how they turned out! Thank you to CAHEP for another awesome learning activity. #LPStb



**Kingsway Park Public School**  
March 24 · 🌐

We continue to welcome and celebrate our love for the arts with CAHEP at our school. The relationship they are creating with each and every class in our school has been amazing and so engaging! Today they worked online with our junior students to teach them how to sculpt. The goal was to create a model of the Sleeping Giant as part of their project. We can't wait to see the final product! #LPStb #sharethegood



**Kingsway Park Public School**  
November 12, 2020 · 🌐

A big thanks to the CJ for sharing our project with CAHEP in their paper today! #LPStb



**Kingsway Park Public School**  
May 6 at 10:55 AM · 🌐

Our junior division session yesterday with CAHEP had us working with pastels! Here is a sneak peak of some of our work. We are so impressed by the talents of our students and are so thankful for this partnership that is helping us bring our students talents alive!  
#LPStb

**Sherbrooke School**  
April 8 · 🌐

Chi Miigwetch to Mallory Gresch and Jason Felix for guiding the Gr. 4s and Gr. 5s through new artistic techniques using water colours and handmade stamps. We appreciate that you have shared your gift of time and your gift of creativity.

**Kingsway Park Public School**  
November 5, 2020 · 🌐

Our intermediate students were busy today thanks to our amazing partnership with CAHEP and their "Speak Up" program. The program brings professional, local artists into the classroom to work on meaningful, interdisciplinary art projects with a focus on exploring and celebrating the female identity. Today all three of our intermediate classrooms zoomed for an art lesson on how to paint the Sleeping Giant. We are looking forward to part two!  
#LPStb

**Kingsway Park Public School**  
November 30, 2020 · 🌐

We are back at it with our CAHEP programming, but today it is our grade 4 class. They are learning all about how to use watercolor paints. We love our partnership and support CAHEP provides for our arts programming. #LPStb Community Arts & Heritage Education Project (CAHEP)

## 2. Sherbrooke Public School: A letter of support from the Principal at Sherbrooke Public School:



Sherbrooke Public School  
110 Sherbrooke St.  
Thunder Bay, ON P7C 4R5  
Telephone (807) 475-4226

Mrs. Leslie Hynnes – Principal

July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Community Arts & Heritage Education Project (CAHEP)'s application to launch a new, arts-education program at Sherbrooke school, and other schools in Thunder Bay. The initiative will offer a safe space for youth in our community to create, socialize and engage with professional artists, while building confidence and self-esteem.

Currently, CAHEP provides female-centered arts programming (Speak Up Program) to the grade 5/6 and grade 7/8 girls at Sherbrooke school. As part of a school district that serves students from many rural communities, including students from the far North, improving student engagement is a priority for us. As the principal at Sherbrooke school, I know, first hand, the ability of CAHEP's work to engage some of our hardest to reach students. Since taking part in Speak Up, there has been an overall improvement in the girls' attendance, in particular on the days when the programs take place.

In addition, there have been other improvements to the well-being of these girls such as:

- increased leadership skills and self-esteem;
- increased coping skills (ability to overcome adversary)
- increase sense of belonging (because of the consistent nature of meeting together weekly);
- increased sense of agency (youth have a say in how programs are planned and delivered);
- increase sense of hope for the future (through new connections to arts opportunities available in the community)

We are eager to participate in this new proposal, which will allow all students at Sherbrooke to benefit from CAHEP's arts-education programs. Sherbrooke school is pleased to support this funding application and we look forward to being a part of this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Hynnes".

Leslie Hynnes  
Principal – Sherbrooke School  
Lakehead District School Board

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Lakehead District School Board

### 3. An endorsement from Michael Gravelle, MPP:

February 10, 2021

Clara Sacchetti-Dufresne Co-Executive Director  
Community Arts and Heritage Education Project (CAHEP)

Dear Clara,

I'm pleased and honoured to provide you with this letter stating my strong support, as MPP, for your efforts to secure operating grant funding for the **Community Arts and Heritage Education Project (CAHEP)** from the **Ontario Arts Council (OAC)**.

CAHEP has proven itself a most vital and resourceful presence in Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario through live performance and school events, arts and heritage workshops, and your ongoing outreach to the public, most notably children and youth.

Thank you for the information about 16 years of CAHEP and the variety of programming it has delivered cost-effectively, professionally, and with tremendous sensitivity to youth audiences and participants. Yours is a history of arts and performance that takes risks and addresses vital issues. I and many others recognize CAHEP as a public good that adds much to our educational and arts and heritage communities by offering well-conceived and skillful programming.

I appreciate your efforts toward leadership/empowerment and arts education for a large number of income-insecure and indigenous students attending Thunder Bay schools. Such programming has never been more timely, as our region tries to address the increasingly dangerous paths that lie in close proximity to our youth, which may only offer exploitation, addiction, legal difficulties, and physical and emotional harm.

As MPP, I understand the real need in our community for the kind of work that CAHEP regularly performs. I hope that the OAC will look favourably on CAHEP's many public-spirited efforts, and put adequate operating funds in place so that CAHEP will be able to continue so effectively serving Thunder Bay-Superior North.

Yours, sincerely,



Michael Gravelle, MPP, Thunder Bay-Superior North

## 4. Endorsements from Judith Monteith-Farrell, MPP

### Letter #1:



Ontario Trillium Foundation  
800 Bay Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5S 3A9

November 20, 2019

Re: Support for Community Arts and Heritage Education Project

Dear Ontario Trillium Foundation,

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay-Atikokan, I am writing in support of Community Arts and Heritage Education Project's (CAHEP) application for funding to deliver the Speak Up 2 project. This project will provide opportunities for students from low-income, culturally diverse neighbourhoods to engage in arts programming.

We know there is a need in the particular communities CAHEP proposes to carry out programming. The indicators for the census tract for each school is provided below:

Westmount Public School	
Low-income youth	17%
Lone-parent families	41%
Subsidized housing	3.7%
Affordable housing	20%
Indigenous youth	11%
Immigrant youth	2.2%
Sherbrooke Public School	
Low-income youth	31%
Lone-parent families	37%
Subsidized housing	7.5%
Affordable housing	14%
Indigenous Youth	35%
Immigrant youth	1.6%
St. Jude Catholic School	
Low-income youth	21%
Lone-parent families	46%
Subsidized housing	7.4%



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Affordable housing	27%
Indigenous youth	59%
Immigrant youth	
Algonquin Public School	
Low-income youth	47%
Lone-parent families	55%
Subsidized housing	22%
Affordable housing	24%
Indigenous youth	40%
Immigrant youth	7.1%

CAHEP empowers children and youth in the community by creating and implementing accessible multi-disciplinary arts and heritage programming and resources so that people will discover the joy of arts and heritage within their own lives and create a legacy by fostering a commitment to culture. They create programming that is student/child/youth centered in that they are the leaders in the creative process facilitated by the artists/arts educators in collaboration with educators/community leaders. In addition, CAHEP has a proven record of accomplishment of successful engagement with multi-sectoral, and multi-organizational collaboration.

As MPP I support this project, and believe the implementation of this program will enrich the lives of young people in Thunder Bay.

Sincerely,

Judith Monteith-Farrell  
Member of Provincial Parliament  
Thunder Bay – Atikokan

### Letter #2:



Canadian Women's Foundation  
1920 Yonge Street, Suite 302  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4S 3E2

February 6, 2020

Re: Support for Community Arts and Heritage Education Project

Dear Canadian Women's Foundation,

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay-Atikokan, I am writing in support of Community Arts and Heritage Education Project's (CAHEP) application for funding to continue to deliver the Speak Up Program in Thunder Bay. This program provides leadership and empowerment arts education programming for 48 income insecure Grades 7 and 8 girls in four public schools in our community.

We know there is a need in the particular communities CAHEP proposes to carry out programming. Provided below are the indicators for the census tract for each school:

Sherbrooke Public School	
Low-income youth	31%
Lone-parent families	37%
Subsidized housing	7.5%
Affordable housing	14%
Indigenous Youth	35%
Immigrant youth	1.6%
Kingsway	
Low-income youth	15%
Lone-parent families	39%
Subsidized housing	4.7%
Affordable housing	21%
Indigenous youth	34%
Immigrant youth	3.7%
Algonquin Public School	
Low-income youth	47%



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Indigenous youth	40%
Immigrant youth	7.1%
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Low-income youth	36%
Lone-parent families	51%
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Affordable housing	29%
Indigenous youth	47%
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CAHEP empowers children and youth in the community by creating and implementing accessible multi-disciplinary arts and heritage programming and resources so that people will discover the joy of arts and heritage within their own lives and create a legacy by fostering a commitment to culture. They create programming that is student/child/youth centered in that they are the leaders in the creative process facilitated by the artists/arts educators in collaboration with educators/community leaders. In addition, CAHEP has a proven record of accomplishment of successful engagement with multi-sectoral, and multi-organizational collaboration.

As MPP I support this project, and believe the implementation of this program will enrich the lives of young women and girls in Thunder Bay.

Sincerely,

Judith Monteith-Farrell  
Member of Provincial Parliament  
Thunder Bay – Atikokan

#### 4. Letter from Evergreen, Community Partner:



February 5, 2021

To: Ontario Arts Council

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the application for an operating grant from the Ontario Arts Council on behalf of Community Arts and Heritage Project.

Evergreen a United Neighbourhood has worked the Community Arts Heritage Project (Cahep) since our inception in 2007 delivering quality arts programming that has supported the diverse population of children and youth in the Simpson Ogden area of Thunder Bay. We are based in a high density, low income and high drug and alcohol use neighbourhood that faces numerous health and economic challenges.

The art projects that we have partnered on over the years have included Art to The Streets, mural creations, Indigenous arts and story telling and letting the participants learn, observe and feel valued. Cahep has been responsive to our organizations needs to best serve our Evergreen families.

Kind regards,

**Linda Bruins**  
Executive Director  
Evergreen a United Neighbourhood  
139 Heron Street  
Thunder Bay , Ontario  
P7C 2M2  
626-0090



## 5. Endorsement from the United Way, Partner:



1006-715 Hewitson St. Thunder Bay ON P7B 6B5  
Telephone: (807) 623-6420 Fax: (807) 623-6180  
Registered Charitable #129820387 RR0001

March 2, 2021

Ontario Arts Council

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please accept this letter of support for the Community Arts & Heritage Education Project's (CAHEP) application for funding to the Ontario Arts Council.

CAHEP offers arts and heritage education programming that is instrumental to our community. The wide range of projects that CAHEP undertakes, including visual, musical, and new media arts-culture initiatives, fills a vital gap in Thunder Bay and provides artistic outlets for a diversity of people. In the past year, the United Way of Thunder Bay has partnered with CAHEP on two separate, but thematically similar projects:

- Providing funding to CAHEP to engage ten Lakehead University International Students who could not travel home due to COVID-19 to gather virtually to share cooking skills and cultural heritage.
- Partnering with CAHEP to develop of a community-oriented cookbook featuring recipes contributed by Lakehead University International Students, along with other elements of each student's culture, to be featured online and utilized as a means of encouraging cultural diversity and acceptance in Thunder Bay.

The two initiatives described above are related in that our success with CAHEP on the initial project inspired both parties to continue in partnership and expand on the first funded program to create the second. CAHEP has been tasked with facilitating all elements of the cookbook project. Of importance, their organization did a fantastic job ensuring that the project is led, driven, monitored, and actualized by International youth representing diverse backgrounds. It is one example of the important and engaging work CAHEP undertakes to embrace and promote diversity, as well as provide youth the opportunity to be decision-makers in community projects.

Two of the core priorities of the United Way of Thunder Bay's Community Impact Plan are to promote a connected and inclusive community and to become a community where all youth graduate. We fully believe that CAHEP is doing important work in our community that helps advance both goals. Our partnership, to-date, has been extremely beneficial to ourselves and our community, and we continue to look for new opportunities to work together moving forward.

In closing, we fully endorse and strongly support the Community Arts & Heritage Education Project's request for funding. We ask that you give positive consideration to their application with the above in mind.


Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Brulé", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

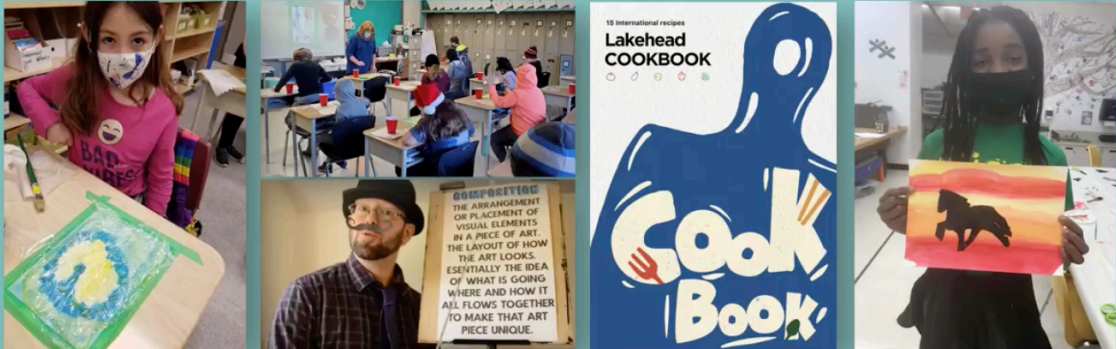
Albert Brulé  
CEO

## 6. Impact Statement from Contracted Artists, Participants, and External Art Club Program Evaluation:

Here's the link to the video slide show: <https://www.facebook.com/CAHEPTBay/videos/267252925051093>

 Community Arts & Heritage Education Project (CAHEP)  
April 4 · 🌐

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We're excited to share our latest CAHEP slideshow with you! It showcases the many won... See More



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