



## Dear Friend of ACCESO International

Since 2003, ACCESO International has been providing “back to school” educational supplies for children and youth from low income immigrant and refugee families in the Ottawa area. The project is entitled “Solidarity with Students: Making Education More Accessible for New Canadians”. By offsetting the expenses of school supplies, this project helps New Canadian students from low-income families to participate in, and benefit more fully from, their classes and homework. Each August, grade-appropriate kits are distributed to students to help prepare them for the coming academic year. Gifts of supplies and backpacks allow the children and youth to attend school with greater dignity and confidence, and to experience greater social inclusion within the school environment. Over 350 students have been assisted through this project.

*"I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of ACCESO International volunteers who have made this project possible. As Canadians we take our access to education for granted, yet still many families cannot afford school supplies and books. As a result, many of these families are in need of school supplies, not because we lack in access to the abundance of supplies, but low-income families have very little financial stability and security. ACCESO International has recognized this need and for its efforts, we are grateful."*

Project Coordinator

*"Very helpful and timely. Our family appreciates this gesture of goodwill."*

Feedback from a Project Recipient

### More about ACCESO

Since 1996, ACCESO International has worked with locally-based and Canadian affiliated organizations to provide financial support to those who yearn for an education but do not have the means to access it. In 12 countries, we have given priority to those groups who are more vulnerable due to economic disadvantage or extreme geographic dislocation. We remain exclusively volunteer-based, so you can be assured that all your donations are allocated directly to our projects.

### List of Supplies:

- ✓ Backpacks
- ✓ Lunch bags
- ✓ Crayons
- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ Coloured pencils
- ✓ Pencil cases
- ✓ Erasers
- ✓ Rulers
- ✓ Glue sticks
- ✓ Scissors



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# Items for ACCESO International Back to School Project

## Kindergarten :

- 1 pack crayons
- 1 pack of coloured pencils
- 1 pack of coloured markers
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 1 large glue stick or 2 small sticks
- 1 backpack
- 1 lunch bag

## Grades 1 – 3:

- 5 pencils
- 1 pack of coloured pencils
- 1 pack of coloured markers
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 1 large glue stick or 2 small sticks
- 1 white eraser
- 1 metric ruler
- 1 pack crayons
- 1 pencil case
- 1 backpack
- 1 lunch bag

## Grades 4 – 8:

- 5 pencils
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 white eraser
- 1 metric ruler
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 5 pens
- 1 pack coloured pencils
- 1 pack coloured markers
- 1 package of 3 hole punch notebook paper
- 3 pens
- 1 calculator
- 1 large glue stick or 2 small
- 1 pencil case
- 1 backpack
- 1 lunch bag

## High School :

- 5 pencils
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 white eraser
- 1 metric ruler
- 5 pens
- 2 packages 3 hole punch notebook paper
- 2 inch binder
- 1 package graph paper
- 1 calculator
- 1 pencil case
- 1 backpack
- 1 lunch bag

Thank you



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