



Tsuut'ina Nation's Chief Big Belly Middle School receives a \$20,000 Community Board grant from the TELUS Friendly Future Foundation® to build a sensory room.

Tsuut'ina Nation, July 14, 2025 - TELUS Friendly Future Foundation® has donated \$20,000 for the installation of a sensory room at Tsuut'ina Nation's Chief Big Belly Middle School.

This donation will provide space for Chief Big Belly Middle School (CBBMS) students to use when they need access to sensory regulation activities. CBBMS has a student population of 200 and currently does not have a dedicated area where students who experience sensory overload can come to calm and organize their responses. The new sensory room will allow students to reduce their sensory overload and return their focus to learning, positively impacting their ability to excel academically.

The \$20,000 donation from TELUS Friendly Future Foundation® is a significant step forward to Tsuut'ina Education's long-term goal to have a sensory room in each school. In 2023-2024, a sensory room was installed in Chiila Elementary School, and with the creation of the CBBMS sensory room, students transitioning from elementary will have uninterrupted sensory room access as they enter grades 4-8. With continued access, students will develop a higher degree of self-regulation by high school, thanks to the ongoing sensory space and support that help calm and refocus.

"The Tsuut'ina Education Department would like to extend a big siyísgáàs (thank you) for the support from the TELUS Friendly Future Foundation", said Jonathan Kaiswatum, Director of Education - Tsuut'ina Education Department. "The demand for sensory rooms and classroom sensory tools in our schools will continue to grow in the foreseeable future. With the introduction of inclusive learning programs, dedicated staff, and designated spaces at each school, our department is becoming better equipped to meet the diverse needs of students."

The CBBMS sensory room installation will be completed in October 2025 and will offer immediate support to Tsuut'ina Nation students and staff.

For more information on the Tsuut'ina Department of Education please visit tsuutinaeducation.com/tsuutina-education/home, and for more information on the TELUS Friendly Future Foundation please visit friendlyfuture.com.

About Tsuut'ina Department of Education (Nihìsgaàká Ásaàdí-hí)

Vision: Culturally competent 21st century Tsuut'ina learners that are literate (knowledgeable), ethical (honorable), entrepreneurial (innovative), and engaged.

Mission: To provide lifelong educational and training opportunities for Tsuut'ina Nation citizens of all ages.



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(Thank you)



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For your generous support

Tsuut'ina Chief Big Belly Middle School will now have a dedicated sensory room that will positively impact our student's ability to focus on learning and excel academically with sensory support.

