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MasterCard Foundation funds school supplies for online learning

The MasterCard Foundation has made donations to the country's four Inuit regions to help educational efforts during COVID-19. As a recipient of \$119,000, the Nunatsiavut Government has purchased school supplies and learning materials for children to have at home.

These "at-home education kits" will be given to students within the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, to be used in the event schools are forced to shut down again because of COVID-19. The supplies in the kits vary based on grade level, and were selected in collaboration with teachers within Nunatsiavut. The kits are being assembled in Makkovik and will be distributed starting next week.

"We hope that in the event schools close again, these at-home education kits will help ease the transition for students to at-home learning," says Nunatsiavut's Director of Education, Jodie Lane. "We are thrilled to be taking on this initiative and are thankful for the generous contribution from the MasterCard Foundation."

The Mastercard Foundation works with visionary organizations to enable young people in Africa and in Indigenous communities in Canada to access dignified and fulfilling work. It is one of the largest, private foundations in the world with a mission to advance learning and promote financial inclusion to create an inclusive and equitable world. The Foundation was created by Mastercard in 2006 as an independent organization.

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