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Jurisdictional Scan on the Provision of Free Menstrual Products in Ontario

Jurisdiction / Organization	Description of Initiative / Project	Implementation Costs	Other Considerations
Ontario	3-year partnership with Shoppers Drug Mart which provides free menstrual products in schools.	Not identified.	<p>6 million menstrual products (manufactured by either Proctor & Gamble or Kimberly Clark) will be provided per year to school boards over the course of 3 years.</p> <p>1,200 dispensers will be provided to allow for the distribution of menstrual products.</p> <p>Board allocations of menstrual products are derived from the 2019-2020 female enrollment data (from ages 13-18).</p>
Peel District School Board (PDSB)	Approved a multi-year plan to create access to free menstrual products in all PDSB schools.	Not Identified (although PDSB has an approved operating budget of \$1.96 billion).	The pilot project has 2 phases: the first phase is providing free menstrual products to secondary schools and the second phase is providing menstrual products to elementary schools.
Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB)	Made free menstrual products accessible to those in need of them.	<p>Not identified.</p> <p>*Approved a balanced budget of \$775.6M, with a capital budget of \$57.2M for the 2019-20 school year.</p>	

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		*WRDSB's website mentions \$26,800,000 budget on costs related to "Other/Miscellaneous" category.	
Halton District School Board	By September 2021, all Halton District School Board schools will have free menstrual products.	<p>Dispensers that hold both tampons and pads will cost around \$160,000.</p> <p>It will cost around \$100,000 to stock dispensers annually.</p>	
Toronto District School Board	Announced free menstrual products in Toronto public schools (elementary and secondary) in August 2019.	Not identified.	
City of Brampton	Set up dispensers of menstrual products in public women's and gender-inclusive washrooms, as well as the change rooms of City of Brampton funded facilities.	Average costs calculated would be \$52,400 for 135 dispensers across 49 facilities. Annual operating costs for 135 dispensers across 49 facilities are \$73,913 based on the consumption of 5 units/dispenser/day for 365 days.	
City of Toronto	City council's executive committee voted to increase the budget of shelter, support and housing administration to allocate funding for menstrual products at homeless shelters, community centers, and drop-in respite centers.	\$222,000 budget increase to help fund menstrual products.	
City of Hamilton	Launched a pilot project in June 2019 to study the effectiveness of	\$121,000 to put the products in food banks, and in baskets in	

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	<p>providing free access to menstrual products in schools and public facilities after being petitioned to do so by FemCare.</p> <p>Also granting funding to Hamilton Food Share for the purchase and distribution of menstrual products through its network.</p>	women's and universal restrooms in five spots across the city.	
City of Cambridge	Recently implemented providing free menstrual products in public washrooms in city-run facilities.	The initial cost estimates are: \$18,400 for only women's and universal washrooms, and an annual cost of \$4,000 in supplies.	These costs will result in 0.27 cents per taxpayer household.
City of London	<p>Approved the provision of free menstrual products in its public city facilities in 2019.</p> <p>Community and Protective Services Committee's report recommends that starting January 2021, all remaining city facilities should also provide free menstrual products.</p>	<p>Cost came in at around half of the original estimate of \$25,000 (and most of this estimate was the one-time cost to install dispensers).</p> <p>The annual cost to supply menstrual products at all city washrooms is projected to be around \$8,500 annually.</p>	Community and Protective Services Committee's report found that loss, vandalism, and waste was <i>significantly</i> less than expected.
Town of Caledon	Citizen run "Period Pantry Pop-up" that is in collaboration with local businesses and leaders to provide menstrual products to the community's residents.	Not identified.	<p>The initiative began after a survey was sent out asking residents if they would be interested and they received an overwhelming response saying yes.</p> <p>This pop up has also started in Hamilton.</p>

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University of Toronto – Mississauga Campus	Launched a pilot project with free menstrual products in 75 of their women’s, men’s, and gender-inclusive washrooms for the UTSG campus; and 70 washrooms at the UTM campus.	Not identified.	
Western University	Launched a “Free the Dot” program to provide free menstrual products in all women’s, men’s, and gender-neutral washrooms in the University’s community center.	Not identified.	