



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### 2010/2011 Student Nutrition Program Service Subsidies

<b>Date:</b>	April 16, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Board of Health
<b>From:</b>	Medical Officer of Health
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

### SUMMARY

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This report recommends allocations of the Toronto Partners for Student Nutrition (TPSN) Steering Committee regarding the 2010/2011 Student Nutrition Program service subsidy allocations. The proposed combined allocations to the Angel Foundation for Learning and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success total \$3,796,576. An amount of \$298,538.60 will be held for appeals/late applications. This includes an enhancement of \$541,249 from 2009 as part of a five year plan to strengthen student nutrition programs in Toronto.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:**

1. City Council enter into agreements totalling \$3,796,576 with the Angel Foundation for Learning (\$712,863.97) and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (\$3,083,712.03) to administer the Community Partnership and Investment Program funding to eligible student nutrition programs across the City of Toronto;
2. City Council grant authority to the Medical Officer of Health to take the necessary action to give effect to Recommendation (1), including the execution of agreements with the Angel Foundation for Learning and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success on behalf of the City; and
3. the Board of Health forward this report for information to the Ontario Minister of Children and Youth Services, the Ontario Minister of Health Promotion, the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

## **Financial Impact**

This report recommends that the 2010 approved Operating Budget of \$3,796,576 for the Student Nutrition Program to be allocated to the Angel Foundation for Learning (\$712,863.97) and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (\$3,083,712.03), with \$298,538.60 in reserve for appeals/late applications.

The Deputy City Manager & Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

On August 26, 1998, the Board of Health approved administrative and operational structures to support the Student Nutrition Program and the process of allocation of municipal funding.

The Medical Officer of Health submits a report to the Board of Health annually after the City budget has been finalized, to begin the process of allocations to student nutrition programs for the upcoming school year. At its meeting on April 15, 2010, City Council approved 2010 municipal funding for student nutrition programs of \$3,796,576, which represents an enhancement of \$541,249 from 2009.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Toronto Partners for Student Nutrition (TPSN) was established in 1998 to administer Student Nutrition Programs, to provide program support and to ensure program quality and accountability. TPSN is made up of a Steering Committee and a number of sub-committees, including an Allocations Sub-committee. The partnership structure is comprised of student nutrition stakeholders, including Toronto Public Health, school boards and their foundations and community representatives. Funds are allocated to programs by the TPSN Steering Committee. Standardized meal costs per student are used to estimate program costs.

## **COMMENTS**

### **Application and Review Process**

The allocation process began in January 2010, when the 2010/2011 funding applications for municipal/provincial funding were distributed to all existing Student Nutrition Programs. Applications were also posted on the Toronto Public Health website. The website and the mailing included instructions on how to complete the application. Non-city staff members of TPSN assisted individual program sites in preparing applications.

An applications review panel, comprised of staff from Toronto Public Health, both boards of education and community partner representatives, met to review applications. Reviewers were instructed on consistent review of applications, using standardized review forms, and followed appropriate conflict of interest guidelines. Applications that were recommended for funding were forwarded to the TPSN Steering Committee for final approval.

### Summary of Allocations and Recommendations:

The TPSN Steering Committee received and approved the following recommendations for the distribution of funds:

Foundation	Funding Amount
1. <b>Angel Foundation for Learning</b> (96 schools/communities)	\$ 712,863.97
2. <b>Toronto Foundation for Student Success</b> (336 schools/communities)	\$ 2,785,173.43
3. <b>Toronto Foundation for Student Success</b> (reserve for appeals/late applications)	\$ 298,538.60
<b>Total</b> (432 schools/communities, including 373 designated schools/communities [reaching 116,699 participants] and 59 non-designated schools/communities [reaching 6,172 participants])	\$ 3,796,576

The money held in reserve for appeals/late applications will be used to make adjustments to the allocations as required and to distribute program funds prior to December 31, 2010. The entire municipal grant is distributed among programs and none of it is used for administration or overhead. Local programs will receive their allocated municipal funds in three instalments, one in early September, one in December and one in March 2011. Programs must submit detailed monthly financial reports to their respective Foundation and address all program requirements to receive subsequent instalment cheques.

### Use of Municipal Budget Enhancement for 2010

As part of a five year plan to strengthen student nutrition programs in Toronto, City Council approved an enhancement of \$541,249 from 2009 for the 2010 operating budget. This aligns with the 2010/11 school year. The additional funding will be used to offset the 7.4% increased cost of food and to fund programs in some of the provincially designated new communities that did not receive municipal funding in 2009/2010 (approximately 30 of the remaining 105 designated elementary schools/communities). This means that municipal funding is not available for the other 75 elementary school communities.

Increased municipal funding means that greater numbers of children and youth in Toronto have access to safe, adequate, and nutritious food at school, thereby enabling them to be more ready to learn and creating healthier eating habits. Specifically, in schools with student nutrition programs, the elementary participation rate is 98.7% (up from a projected rate of 70% in 2008/2009). Similarly, the youth participation rate is

35% (up from a projected rate of 28% in 2008/2009). Furthermore, student nutrition programs provide a positive setting for children to meet and socialize, as well as offering food skills training and social connections for parents and volunteers in the community.

### **Provincial Funding**

The municipal application review also serves as the review for provincial funding. The Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services administers the provincial funds via the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS). TFSS then allocates provincial funding for the Catholic program sites to the Angel Foundation for Learning. Programs will receive their provincial funding at the same time as the municipal funding. The provincial contribution for 2010/11 grants for Student Nutrition Programs in Toronto is confirmed for \$4,117,508, which remained the same as 2009/2010. This amount is comprised of \$2,817,500 for existing and new morning meal programs in 433 designated communities in Toronto and \$1,300,008 in program grants for non-designated communities and/or for non-morning meal programs in designated communities. Provincial funding for 2010/11 of \$1,219,000 is also confirmed for community development and administration, for a total of \$5,336,508 in annual provincial funding.

### **Parental Contributions and Local Fundraising**

Parental contributions and local fundraising comprise the major components of local Student Nutrition Program funding. This does not include in-kind contributions such as school space and school staff time to operate the programs. However, it is not always possible for local programs to raise enough to meet their program costs.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Board of Health is recommending allocation of municipal funds to the Angel Foundation and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success for the 2010/2011 school year to administer the Community Partnership and Investment Program funding to eligible student nutrition programs across the City of Toronto from the 2010 operating budget.

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### **SIGNATURE**

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