

October 8, 2013

To: Budget Committee

From: Toronto Board of Health

Subject: Student Nutrition Program Update on the First Year of the Five-Year Plan and 2014 Operating Budget Request – Item HL24.5

**Recommendation:**

**The Board of Health forwards the report (September 16, 2013) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Budget Committee with the Toronto Public Health 2014 Operating Budget Request for consideration.**

**Decision Advice and Other Information:**

The Board of Health also:

1. Endorsed the request for a \$214,135 net increase to the Toronto Public Health 2014 Operating Budget to cover the increased cost of food for existing student nutrition programs.
2. Endorsed the request for an additional net increase of \$1,163,084 to the Toronto Public Health 2014 Operating Budget to be allocated to existing student nutrition programs to increase the City's investment rate to 14% of total program costs from 11.5% in 2013, providing greater stability to existing programs.
3. Endorsed the request for an additional net increase of \$394,241 to the Toronto Public Health 2014 Operating Budget to extend municipal funding to 27 additional schools in higher need communities to open new student nutrition programs in 2014.
4. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board of Health on options to strengthen the governance of the Student Nutrition Programs to enhance future capacity for fundraising, accountability, efficiency, and quality assurance, and to best position the program for future growth and success in achieving child health and education objectives.
5. Requested the Province of Ontario to support the recommendation of the Healthy Kids Panel with respect to establishing a school nutrition program for all Ontario schools where students will benefit from this key nutrition strategy.

6. Requested the Province of Ontario to increase its grant funding investment proportionally to match increased City investment.
7. Requested the Federal Government to provide core funding for the Student Nutrition Program in Toronto to match the City's investment.
8. Forwarded the report (September 16, 2013) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Health and Long-Term Care, and Education, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, le Conseil scolaire Viamonde, le Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud, the Toronto Foundation for Student Success, and the Angel Foundation for Learning.

#### Background

The Toronto Board of Health on September 30, 2013, considered a report (September 16, 2013) from the Medical Officer of Health on Student Nutrition Program Update on the First Year of the Five-Year Plan and 2014 Operating Budget Request.

#### Background Information

To view this item and background material online, please visit:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.HL24.5>

Sincerely,

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