



Decision Letter

Board of Health

Meeting No.	21	Contact	Julie Lavertu, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Monday, September 25, 2017	Phone	416-397-4592
Start Time	1:00 PM	E-mail	boh@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Councillor Joe Mihevc

HL21.4	ACTION	Adopted		Ward:All
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Student Nutrition Program: 2018 Operating Budget Request and Program Update

Confidential Attachment - The receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege

Board Decision

The Board of Health recommends to the Budget Committee that:

1. City Council approve the request for a net increase of \$1,681,365 included in the Toronto Public Health 2018 Operating Budget Request to be allocated to existing student nutrition programs towards the cost of nutritious food to increase the City's investment rate to 20% of total program costs from 17% in 2017, providing a stronger funding base for existing programs.
2. City Council approve the request for an additional net increase of \$442,773 included in the Toronto Public Health 2018 Operating Budget Request to extend municipal funding towards the cost of nutritious food to up to 20 student nutrition programs which are currently operating in public schools without municipal funding.
3. City Council approve the request for an additional net increase of \$624,824 included in the Toronto Public Health 2018 Operating Budget Request to gradually extend municipal funding towards the cost of nutritious food to student nutrition programs in independent schools serving higher needs communities, which meet program eligibility criteria, including \$40,000 to support community capacity building and municipal oversight of program grants.
4. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 of the report (September 11, 2017) from the City Solicitor attached to the letter (September 22, 2017) from the Board of Health Budget Committee [Item HL21.4b] remain confidential in its entirety, as it contains advice which is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health also:

1. Recognized that all schools in Toronto should be eligible for consideration for municipal funding for student nutrition programs based on need.

2. Approved the use of socio-demographic data to assess need in independent schools interested in student nutrition program funding, by linking student postal code to neighbourhood household income in order to achieve objective results comparable to assessments of need in public schools.
3. Reiterated its request to the federal government to provide core funding for a national student nutrition program.
4. Forwarded the report (September 11, 2017) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Ministers of Children and Youth Services (MCYS), Health and Long-Term Care and Education, the Federal Minister of Health, 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, the Angel Foundation for Learning, FoodShare Toronto and Student Nutrition Toronto.
5. Forwarded the report (September 11, 2017) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Budget Committee with the Toronto Public Health 2018 Operating Budget request for consideration.
6. Directed that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 of the report (September 11, 2017) from the City Solicitor [Item HU13.3] remain confidential in its entirety, as it contains advice which is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

The Board of Health considered items HL21.3, HL21.4, and HL21.6 together.

Origin

(September 11, 2017) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Summary

This report outlines a needs-based strategy requested by the Board of Health in April 2016 to apply a health equity lens to assess the eligibility of interested independent schools[1] for municipal student nutrition program funding. Recommended is an objective, clear and comparable assessment method, similar to what is used for public schools, which links student postal code to neighbourhood household income. The additional financial supports and processes that are required to extend municipal funding to independent schools are identified.

This report also outlines a request to increase the 2018 Operating Budget by \$2,748,962 in support of the six-year plan (2013-2018) endorsed by the Board of Health to strengthen and expand student nutrition programs in Toronto. The budget enhancement would increase the City's investment rate to 20%, or \$14,984,941 of total local program costs of an estimated \$76,393,026. This enhancement request also includes an extension of municipal funds to up to 20 new student nutrition programs in public schools serving higher need communities, fewer than originally projected. As well, this enhancement request includes funds to extend municipal funding to student nutrition programs in independent schools which serve higher needs communities and meet program eligibility criteria. The request includes \$40,000 for community capacity building to support program success and municipal oversight of grants.

Background Information

(September 11, 2017) Report from the Medical Officer of Health on Student Nutrition Program: 2018 Operating Budget Request and Program Update

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/hl/bqrd/backgroundfile-106861.pdf>)

Appendix 1 - Toronto Student Nutrition Programs - Summary of Municipal and Provincial Funding 1998-2017

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/hl/bqrd/backgroundfile-106862.pdf>)

4a Legal Opinion from the City Solicitor on Student Nutrition Program

Confidential Attachment - The receiving of advice or communications that are subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Origin

(September 11, 2017) Report from the City Solicitor

Summary

The Medical Officer of Health requested a legal opinion from the City Solicitor on the needs assessment for the Student Nutrition Program detailed in the companion report from the Medical Officer of Health in terms of compliance with human rights legislation. This report attaches the confidential legal opinion of the City Solicitor.

Background Information

(September 11, 2017) Report from the City Solicitor on Legal Opinion on Student Nutrition Program

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/hl/bqrd/backgroundfile-106863.pdf>)

Confidential Attachment - Legal Opinion from the City Solicitor on Student Nutrition Program

4b Student Nutrition Program: 2018 Operating Budget Request and Program Update (Items HU13.2 and HU13.3)

Origin

(September 22, 2017) Letter from the Board of Health Budget Committee

Summary

During its meeting on September 20, 2017, the Board of Health Budget Committee considered a report (September 11, 2017) from the Medical Officer of Health and a report (September 11, 2017) from the City Solicitor regarding the Student Nutrition Program: 2018 Operating Budget Request and Program Update.

Background Information

(September 22, 2017) Letter from the Board of Health Budget Committee on Student Nutrition Program: 2018 Operating Budget Request and Program Update (Items HU13.2 and HU13.3)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/hl/bqrd/backgroundfile-107132.pdf>)