

HL29.6b



Board of Health Budget Committee

Meeting No.	16	Contact	Julie Lavertu, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Tuesday, November 13, 2018	Phone	416-397-4592
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	boh@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 4, City Hall	Chair	Councillor Joe Mihevc

HU16.3	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Student Nutrition Program: Independent School Update

Committee Decision

The Board of Health Budget Committee recommends to the Board of Health that:

1. City Council continue to align the Student Nutrition Program municipal funding policy with that of the provincial policy, which recognizes that public and independent schools in the City of Toronto are eligible for consideration for provincial funding for Student Nutrition Programs based on need.

Origin

(November 7, 2018) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Summary

This report provides an update on providing student nutrition programs in independent schools. Since 2009, City funding to expand Toronto's student nutrition programs has been directed to publically funded schools to align with provincial policy and to maximize the benefits of the program's partnership funding model. In 2016, the Board of Health recognized that some independent schools may have a student base with a similar level of need to some public schools, and considered extending municipal funding for eligible independent schools. In 2018, the provincial policy changed to consider eligibility of independent schools. Funding for student nutrition programs helps to provide a more equitable environment for children and youth through access to safe, adequate and nutritious food at school to help them focus and learn.

Background Information

(November 7, 2018) Report from the Medical Officer of Health on Student Nutrition Program: Independent School Update

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/hu/bgrd/backgroundfile-121527.pdf>)

(October 30, 2018) Report from the Medical Officer of Health on Student Nutrition Program: Independent School Update - Notice of Pending Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/hu/bgrd/backgroundfile-121326.pdf>)

3a Legal Opinion from the City Solicitor on Student Nutrition Program

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Origin

(November 8, 2018) Report from the City Solicitor

Summary

The Medical Officer of Health requested a legal opinion from the City Solicitor on the City's current policy of funding for the Student Nutrition Program. This report should be considered with the companion report from the Medical Officer of Health. This report attaches the confidential legal opinion of the City Solicitor.

Background Information

(November 8, 2018) Report from the City Solicitor on Legal Opinion from the City Solicitor on Student Nutrition Program

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/hu/bgrd/backgroundfile-121533.pdf>

Confidential Attachment 1 - Legal Opinion from the City Solicitor on Student Nutrition Program