

# **An Overview of the Student Nutrition Program**

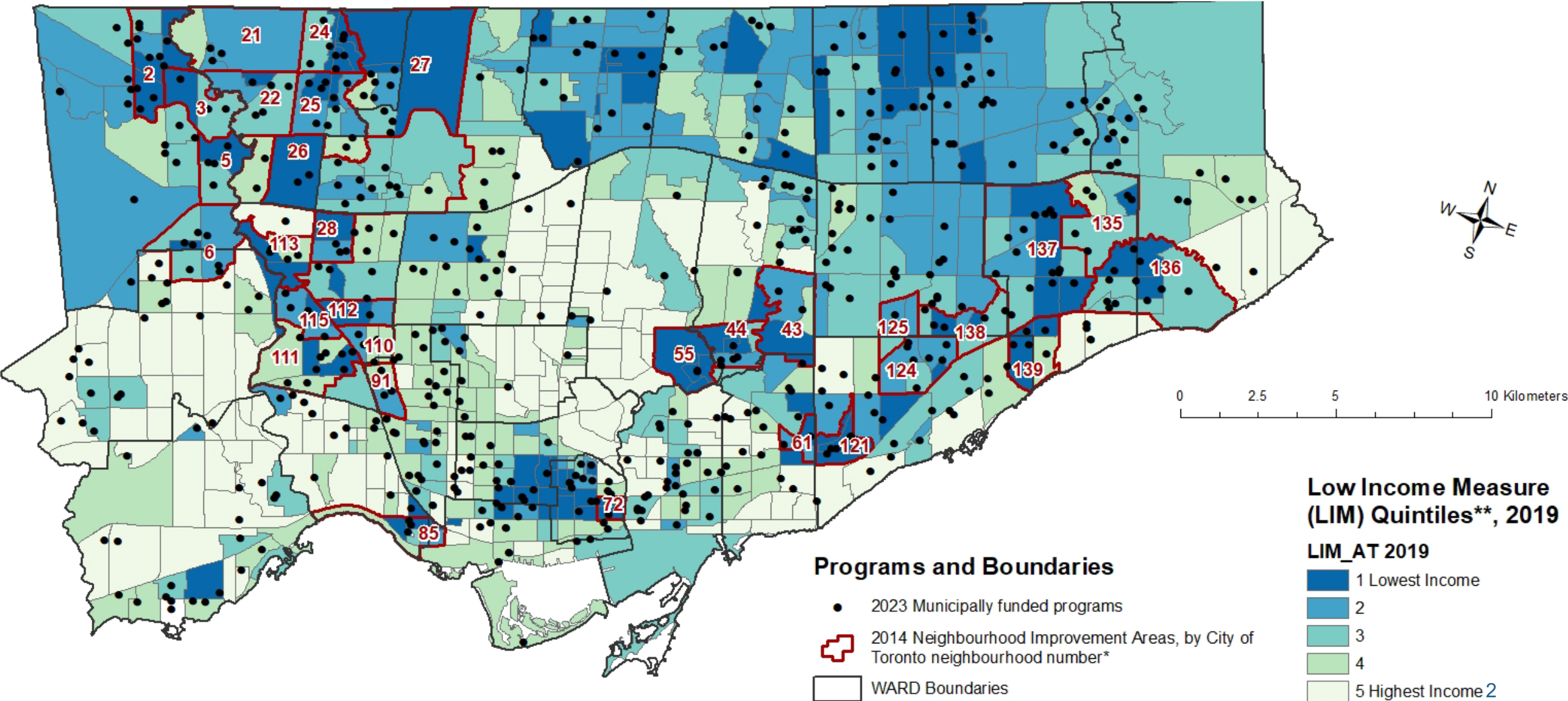
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# What is a Student Nutrition Program?

- Universal meal and/or snack program, run locally by parents, volunteers and students, mainly operating in public schools
- Gives students access to safe, adequate, and culturally-appropriate healthy food
  - especially important for those at risk for poor nutritional intake
- Supports student learning and development over the school day
- Creates opportunities for community capacity building, volunteering, and job skills development
- Video: [Student Nutrition Programs in Toronto](#)

# Where are the programs?



# 2023 Program reach

619 school communities

820 student nutrition programs

227,285 meals served per school day

## **Strengthen and grow student nutrition programs**

- Strengthen existing programs by ensuring an annual food inflationary increase in municipal funding
- Expand program reach

## **Municipal Investment**

- 2023: \$17.7M to support over 227,000 meals per day
- 2024: \$19.16M which includes an 8.5% food inflationary increase

## **\$27.48 M investment from government sources**

\$16.8 M from the City of Toronto

\$8.47 M from the provincial government

\$2.2 M in one-time funding from the federal government

## **Funding from other sources**

Student and parent contributions

Community fundraising

School board fundraising

Corporate donations

## **Non-monetary support**

What could increase funding do:

- Make each existing program whole
- Expand the program to all Toronto students



**Thank you**