



OLIVIA CHOW
MAYOR

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Members of the Executive Committee,

Re: Achieving a Universal Student Nutrition Program in Toronto

When students have nutritious food, it helps them focus in the classroom. It helps relieve financial pressures on families. It helps youth succeed.

There are still 220 public schools in Toronto that do not have a school food program. At a time when people across our city are struggling with affordability, we urgently need a universal school food program so that every child and young person can focus on learning, not their hunger. With the federal government's commitment in Budget 2024 for \$1 billion in new funding to establish a national School Food Program, we have the opportunity to make a universal school food program a reality in our city.

As your Mayor, I am committed to doing everything in my power to establish a universal school food program, and will share an update at Executive Committee.

Recommendation:

- 1) That Executive Committee receive this letter for information.**

Sincerely,

Mayor Olivia Chow