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To: Barb Hall, Martin Silva, Rob Maxwell, Liz Amer, Peter Tabuns, Dale Martin, Richard Gilbert, Joe Pantalone, Roger Hollander

Dear Colleagues, *Dale + Debbie*

Some School Trustees at the Toronto Board have been working on ideas with some community activists to put together a plan to feed all kids well (at least one fully nutritious meal) at school (through a community-based delivery system but with union work as appropriate).

As well, Toronto's Health Department and the Board of Education staff had submitted a pilot project proposal to the Ministry of Health (Innovations Grant Programme) for a small scale version of such a programme.

I was asked to suggest how such a programme would be described and constructed if it were to be much broader than just a pilot, so that it would actually be a universal programme jointly funded by all levels of government. The attached document is simply a compilation of the ideas of others and some suggestions for the construction and funding of a universal version of what people have been talking about.

Could you let me know what you think and I can pass on your comments to the group of Trustees which is working with community groups on the project.

A target date to bring such an idea to Toronto City Council at the February 4th Council meeting has been set to get the ball rolling. Without a Caucus meeting available, we have to share our ideas by phone and memos.

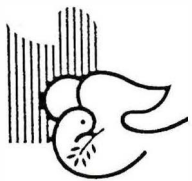
Looking forward to hearing from you.

Jack

As discussed -

Debbie

A natural for your leadership. A joint approach to Met. + City to seed it at \$50,000 each?



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The City of Toronto has declared itself to be a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone.

A PROPOSAL FOR FEEDING ALL STUDENTS WELL IN SCHOOL

December 24, 1990.

Assembled by Jack Layton

Based on many sources

Especially

Food Programmes for Children: A School and Community Model*

* Al Quance (Toronto Board of Education) and Carolyn Barber (Toronto Department of Public Health) Co-Chairs. The Proposal for Health Innovations Funding is attached.

Summary:

Healthy food at least once each school day for every child made available by a partnership of communities, parents, schools, City Governments, Regional Governments and the Provincial Government.

The proposal is to begin before the end of the spring, 1991 school term.

Costs: \$ 20,000,000 annually for City of Toronto students
\$ 180,000,000 for all Ontario students

Proposed Motion for City Council -- February 4th, 1990.

It is recommended that:

1. As a recognition of the crisis of child hunger which exists in Toronto today and as part of the City Council's efforts to eliminate the need for food banks, the City of Toronto endorse the proposal: FEEDING ALL CHILDREN WELL IN SCHOOL.
2. The City of Toronto instruct its staff, lead by the Department of Public Health and the Healthy City Office, to continue to develop an implementation plan for the Proposal and to develop this plan on the basis of universality, confidentiality, non-stigmatizing arrangements and including parental and child involvement; and that an Implementation Team be established in order to ensure the rapid delivery of this programme in the schools of Toronto. The Team shall work in consultation with the Toronto Food Council.
3. The City of Toronto allocate immediately \$100,000 as a development fund for this proposal to be used by the Team for all aspects of development work, including the recruitment of support and funding by the other partners, the development of School Teams and programmes.

* An extensive survey and consultation process by the Joint Committee on School Food Programmes (Board of Health and Board of Education) has confirmed "the desperate need for school food programmes and the overwhelming support for centrally funded assistance".

* "In six schools, over 50% of students were reported to have inadequate food. The symptoms included inability to concentrate, listlessness, tiredness, and hyperactivity and frequent illness." (Innovations Proposal)

The Proposal:

By the end of the year 1991, all children in all Toronto schools should be receiving at least one nutritious meal per school day. Communities, parents, schools, local businesses and city, regional and provincial governments will all be involved in addressing this issue.

All Ontario children should ultimately be targeted.

The proposal is "holistic" in that it embraces all aspects of the community, includes education and community development as part of its

"Although a variety of food programmes currently exist in Toronto schools, the vast majority operate on a charity model and often involve only the feeding of hungry children. Such programmes are constant risk due to their insecure funding base and offer little health promotion value." (Innovations Proposal)

A Joint Department of Public Health and Board of Education proposal for a school-based food programme has been submitted to the Health Innovations Programme for funding. (See attached)

The concept as submitted would, however, reach only 10% of students in the 4 - 11 age group within the public school system over the two year duration of the programme.

The Innovations Proposal also centres around a nutritious mid morning snack. Consideration should be given to expanding this concept to include hot breakfasts or hot lunches.

We must grab the opportunity to institute this programme for all children now, separate and public school kids alike. This would require a programme about 20 times the size of the proposal which has been submitted to Innovations.

Principles suggested by the L.I.F.T. organization (Low Income Families Together) will guide the programme:

- * local community involvement
 - (a) parents as equal partners in the complete process
 - (b) children's participation in evaluation

- * universality
- * confidentiality
- * non-stigmatizing

Implementation and Management will be school-based through Food Programme Committees consisting of parents, teachers, principals, paraprofessional staff and other relevant people. The project will also involve other agencies, (eg. the City of Toronto Food Policy Council, Healthy City Office) and groups related to children and nutrition as part of an ongoing consultant body which has already been established.

Funding:

A SHARED MODEL FOR FUNDING
SCHOOL-BASED HEALTHY FOOD FOR OUR KIDS

* Cost estimates based on Vancouver experience and estimated Toronto budget for Innovations programme, i.e. \$ 1.25 - \$ 1.48 per student per school day.

* All Figures are "ball-park" estimates (See Innovations proposal for more detailed calculations).

Principles: 50% Provincial Funding
50% local government funding = 25% Metro.
12 1/2% Cities/Borough
12 1/2% Boards of Education
= 6 1/4% Public Bd.
= 6 1/4% Separate Bd.

Estimate:

Total costs for all kids, all Metro:	\$	80,000,000 annual
Provincial Share 50%		40,000,000
(share for whole province: \$180,000,000)		
Local Government Share 50%		40,000,000
Metro Council Share 25%		20,000,000
City of Toronto 12 1/2%		2,500,000
(approx 25% of kids)		

Toronto Bd. of Ed.	6 1/4%	1,250,000
(City of Toronto only)		
Metro Separate School Board	6 1/4%	5,000,000
(for all Metro)		

1991 Impact and Start-Up

Assume September start-up with full programme and immediate implementation of start-up management team including some delivery of programme on experimental basis in spring '91 to most needy schools.

City of Toronto: \$ 900,000 In 1991
plus \$100,000 one-time start-up funds

Toronto Board of Ed: \$ 450,000 In 1991

File: Food