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Executive Committee
City of Toronto
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To Members of the Executive Committee,

We are very excited about the report going to Council this month regarding the municipal plan for expansion to a universal morning meal program. The report is comprehensive and reflects our input as well as that from many stakeholders! We are grateful to have been meaningfully consulted as staff considered the best way forward for Student Nutrition Programs (SNPs).

One of the key accomplishments of the plan outlined in the report is that it enables new programs in schools that want programs without diluting existing municipal or provincial funding for existing programs. In fact, the plan allows for increased food support for 40 existing programs that are struggling the most through volume purchasing (Bridging the Nutrition Gap Program).

The second key accomplishment in my view is that the plan outlined in the report recognizes that there is need in all schools, even in communities not normally recognized as high priority and that all children need access to healthy food at school.

Underpinning all of this is the flexibility to respond to local needs and this is where collaborative thinking from everyone has had the biggest impact.

On behalf of the Toronto Foundation for Student Success and the children we support, many, many thanks to Toronto Public Health and everyone at the City for championing SNPs over the years. As well, many thanks to staff from the City Manager's Office and the Poverty Reduction Strategy Office for all of the incredible work that has resulted in this amazing report and plan.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Parsonage". The script is fluid and cursive.

Catherine Parsonage
CEO