

It Takes a Village...thank you for [A Vision and Strategy for a Universal School Food Program in Toronto](#)

Welcome Multi- Sector Partnerships

- Federal
- Provincial
- Municipal
- School Boards
- Community Orgs
- Chefs
- Farmers
- Foundations
- Indigenous leaders
- Equity Seeking Groups
- Post-Secondary

Local governments endorse



**Debbie Field, National Coordinator
Coalition for Healthy School Food
June 17, 2025**



CANADA

Ottawa unveils \$1B for national school food program



By **Touria Izri** • Global News

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Three Year Agreements

\$79 in Year One

\$201 in Year Two

\$218 in Year Three



A National School Food Program (p.134)

2023-2024 (in Millions of dollars)	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	Total
0	79	201	218	241	261	1,000

Make the National School Food Program Permanent

April 29, 2025

“Make the National School Food Program permanent. In less than ten months, agreements were reached with all provinces and territories to reach over 500,000 kids, exceeding targets and helping more families... So, we will make this program permanent. And we will prioritize Canadian-made food as much as possible.”

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SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS HELP TO:

- reduce hunger
- improve health and learning outcomes
- save families money on groceries
- support local economies
- promote sustainability



\$20 million for **Buy Canadian in the Schools Food program** included in the [LPC costing](#) (The \$20M is not yet in the fiscal framework).

Ontario signs 3 Year \$108,500m National School Food Agreement, Nov 22, 2024

The Ontario agreement:
\$108,500 Million over three
years:

1. Ontario received \$18,500 Million in Year One
 2. Ontario will receive \$45,000 Million in Year Two
 3. \$45,000 Million in Year Three
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1. Toronto received 4.78 Million in Year one
 2. Toronto to receive between and \$4.78 and \$11.5 Million in Year Two
 3. Toronto to receive between and \$4.78 and \$11.5 Million in Year Two



Ontario Minister of Community and Social Services Michael Parsa (with from right to left) Judith Barry (Breakfast Club of Canada), Shaun McKenna (Grocery Foundation), Peter Kendall (Schad Foundation), Debbie Field (Coalition for Healthy School Food), Catherine Parsonage (TFSS), Laura Arrell (Arrell Family Foundation).



\$401 million: Annual investment from P/T and municipal governments

Province	Total Estimate of Annual P/T school food funding ¹	Total Estimate of Annual Municipal school food funding	Total number of students ²	P/T contribution per student/day ⁴
NS	\$81,700,000	\$100,000	130,424	\$3.30
NL	\$39,059,300	\$0.00	65,097	\$3.16
PEI	\$7,855,000	\$0.00	21,486	\$1.92
NB	\$19,000,000	\$0.00	103,700	\$0.96
NU	\$1,726,646	\$0.00	10,977	\$0.83
MB	\$30,000,000	\$0.00	210,877	\$0.75
BC	\$71,500,000	\$325,000	598,536	\$0.63
NT	\$700,000	\$0.00	8,445	\$0.44
QC	\$65,100,000	\$0.00	1,007,991	\$0.34
AB	\$20,000,000	\$0.00	715,227	\$0.15
YT ³	\$154,000	\$0.00	5,802	\$0.14
ON	\$36,013,000	\$26,353,579	2,073,692	\$0.09
SK	\$1,364,454	\$147,942	206,523	\$0.03
Total	\$374,172,500	\$26,926,521	5,158,777	Median per capita: \$0.63

1) Figures are the core annual P/T investment, not including infrastructure or one-time funding; P/T contribution per student based on P/T investment only; 2) Including Public and First Nation schools in Canada (2022-23); 3) **\$5.6M** additional school food funds from Indigenous Services Canada and Jordan's Principle is available for nutrition programs run by the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate (not shown in chart because it only PT government funding is included); 4) Based on an average of 190 school days/year across Canada

It takes a village to.. Community Development Multi-sector Partnerships Collaboration

- school boards;
- post-secondary institutions;
- labour representatives;
- Indigenous leaders;
- local farmers, suppliers, and urban agriculture;
- chefs and restaurateurs;
- equity-focused; food security organizations will help ensure accessibility and inclusion;
- Inner City Community Advisory Committee (ICCAC);
- all orders of government including many city departments.



Community Organizations, Universities
Colleges, Chefs ready to help with
community development and problem
solving for new SNPs