



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

March 29, 2023

Hon. Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care
Room 124 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Samantha Gambling, Provincial Coordinator
The Coalition for Healthy School Food, BC Chapter
c/o Coalition for Healthy School Food
At Food Secure Canada
4067 Saint-Laurent, Suite 305
Montreal, QC, H2W 1Y7

Dear Minister Singh and Ms. Gambling,

RE: Healthy School Food Program

At the School District 5 (SD5), Southeast Kootenay public Board Meeting of March 14, 2023, the Board carried the following motion:

That the Board write a letter responding to the Coalition for Healthy School Food, BC Chapter letter of February 16, 2023, supporting their efforts to advocate for a universal, cost-shared healthy school food program. The response to the Coalition will include a copy of the letter written last month to the Ministry of Education and Child Care inquiring as to what stage of the process the Ministry is at with a Universal Food Program. A copy of the letter requesting support from the Coalition for Healthy Schools will be forwarded to the Minister of Education and Child Care.

Our Board would like to confirm our support for the *Coalition for Healthy School Food, BC Chapter's* advocacy for a universal, cost-shared healthy school food program. To this end, we have attached a copy of the Board's letter written last month to the Ministry of Education and Child Care inquiring as to what stage of the process the Ministry is at with a Universal Food Program.

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A copy of the letter requesting support from the Coalition for Healthy Schools is also being forwarded to the Minister of Education and Child Care.

Sincerely,



Doug McPhee, Board Chair

Cc*: Hon. David Eby, Premier, Province of BC
Kevin Falcon, Leader, BC Liberal Party
Sonia Furstenuau, Leader, BC Green Party
Tom Shypitka, MLA Kootenay East BC
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Karin Kirkpatrick, Critic for Child and Family Development & Childcare, BC Liberal Party
Carolyn Broady, President, BCSTA
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