

May 16, 2024

Community Connections Society of Southeast BC 209A 16th Ave N Cranbrook, BC

ATTENTION: SOPHIE LARSEN, FOOD PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

Dear Ms. Larsen:

I am writing on behalf of School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) (the "District") to express our support for your initiative to develop a food innovation centre. We believe that your organization's commitment to providing food services aligns with the District's goals of ensuring the well-being of our students and fostering a healthy learning environment.

As you may know, as part of its new school breakfast and lunch program, the District is seeking longterm partnerships that will guarantee that our students will have access to wholesome and balanced meals on a daily basis. The District is excited about discussing the possibility of collaborating with your non-profit organization as the caterer for our school lunch program. This discussion and the District's decision will be made through the District's formal request for proposal process.

I also advise that the District has secured generous donations of commercial kitchen equipment. Assuming that your organization has secured the funding to build the needed space for its food innovation centre, and depending how the District's request for proposal process unfolds, the District may be willing to discuss renting this equipment to your organization, possibly at a nominal cost. This equipment could be instrumental in the establishment and operation of your kitchen facility, facilitating the potential for preparation of nutritious meals for our students.

The District is committed to ongoing discussions with you respecting possible collaboration of a school breakfast and lunch program. In any event, we are confident that the dedication and expertise of Community Connections Society of Southeast BC will enhance the well-being of the students in the District.

Thank you for your commitment to serving our community, and we look forward to further discussions about the possible collaboration between our respective organizations.

Sincerely,

Nick Taylor, CPA Secretary Treasurer School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)

