

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, February 27, 2024

1. Feeding Futures Fund Update

The Government of British Columbia announced a *Feeding Futures Fund* in April 2023 to support the building, developing and expanding of local school food programs. The 2023 – 2024 school year is intended to be an implementation year, and the Ministry of Education and Child Care has indicated funding for this program will be ongoing.

Through individual consultation with schools, *Food Security Survey* results collected this month, feedback from the School Meal Coordinator, Food Service Workers, Parent Advisory Councils, students and staff, District staff have helped to support the implementation of informal and formal school food programs across the District.

This evening, Richard Per, Assistant Superintendent, will speak about food security, the District plan to address current need, proposed additions, and outline some recent data gathered as a result of the District survey.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Indigenous Trades Opportunity

The Burnaby School District is working with partners in the community to expand opportunities to highlight career paths for students.

Together with the Vancouver Regional Construction Association, the Burnaby Board of Trade and British Columbia Institute of Technology, a new pilot project has been launched that allows students to get exposure to various trades, without having to commit to a full course in their schedules. The first of these trade samplers was held for students on February 16.

With additional funding support from Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society (ACCESS), a group of Indigenous students had an opportunity to try iron working, carpentry, electrical, welding and plumbing. Industry experts were on hand to engage students in practical workshops and immersive experiences. Trades is one area that the new pilot is exploring, with the possibility of expanding career exposure for students through the partnerships into other industries, such as film and television.

This evening, Allison McKillop, Program Consultant – Career Education and Transition Programs, invites some of the students who attended this session to share their experiences as they explored different trades options.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Feeding Futures Fund Update

Burnaby Board of Education
Public Meeting
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What is the Feeding Futures Fund?

The Government of British Columbia announced a \$71,500,000 **Feeding Futures Fund** on April 4, 2023 to support the **building, developing and expanding** of local school food programs.

The allocation to the Burnaby School District is \$2,925,795.

The 2023-2024 school year is intended to be an implementation year.

District Plan Updates

Four Part Plan – Part 1

1. Expand the current Elementary School Meals Program. This program is a voluntary, fee for service option with partially and fully subsidized plans. This would increase the total number of elementary schools with a meal program from the current 14 to 20.

Current School Meal Sites:

- Armstrong Elementary
- Cameron Elementary - New Breakfast program has been added
- Capitol Hill Elementary - New Breakfast program has been added
- Edmonds Community
- Kitchener Elementary - New Breakfast program has been added
- Maywood Community
- Morley Community
- Second Street Community
- Stoney Creek Community
- South Slope Elementary
- Stride Avenue Community
- Taylor Park Elementary
- Twelfth Avenue Elementary
- Windsor Elementary

Proposed School Meal Programs:

- **Douglas Road Elementary** - Currently subsidized targeted lunches through PAC Hot Lunches, target lunch program and healthy snack program. **Piloting a Universal, Individual School Meal Hot Lunch Program after Spring Break**
- **Nelson Elementary** - Currently subsidize targeted lunches through PAC Hot Lunches, target frozen meals and healthy snack program
- **Gilmore Community** - Currently subsidized targeted lunches through PAC Hot Lunches, target lunch program and healthy snack program. **Piloting a Universal, Individual School Meal Hot Lunch Program after Spring Break**
- **Lochdale Community** – **Has created a new breakfast program** and currently has targeted lunches through PAC Hot Lunches, targeted lunch program and healthy snack program
- **Forest Grove Elementary** - Currently subsidize targeted lunches through PAC Hot Lunches, target frozen meals and healthy snack program
- **Clinton Elementary** - Currently targeted lunch program and healthy snack program

Four Part Plan – Part 2

2. Supply targeted meals to elementary schools with students identified in need of additional support for food security. Currently, this includes students at 6 schools.

Targeted Food Programs:

- **Brentwood Park Elementary** - subsidized targeted lunches through PAC Hot Lunch, targeted meal options, and healthy snack program in place
- **Glenwood Elementary** - targeted lunch program and healthy snack program in place
- **Lakeview Elementary** - subsidized targeted lunches through PAC Hot Lunch, targeted meal options, and healthy snack program in place
- **Marlborough Elementary** - targeted lunch program and healthy snack program in place and **piloting a Universal, Individual School Meal Hot Lunch Program after Spring Break**
- **Rosser Elementary** - healthy snack program in place, continuing to monitor need of community
- **Sperling Elementary** - subsidized targeted lunches through PAC Hot Lunch, targeted meal options, and healthy snack program in place

Four Part Plan – Part 3

3. Provide students identified in need of additional support for food security with cafeteria meal cards, or an equivalent in all secondary schools – for breakfast and lunch. **This is currently in place.**

Four Part Plan – Part 4

4. Allocate Feeding Futures Fund to the remainder of elementary schools to support the individual needs of students identified in need of additional support for food security. These funds can be used to subsidize program-based meal programs, PAC hot lunches, snack packs, cold lunch options, frozen lunch options, food cards, and food services for all identified students. **This includes times where school is not in session through the use of the Family Affordability Fund. This is currently in place.**

This plan will be reviewed and adjusted as the year progresses based on input by schools, students, parents and the community.

Capital funding is being requested to support the infrastructure necessary to expand food services to students.

How Has Support been Accessed?

Currently, schools are using a variety of methods to communicate and/or identify students with food security needs. These include sharing information through PACs and with Newsletters, students and/or families self identifying, information from community groups and agencies, and information from teachers, counsellors, school staff and District staff including our Indigenous Education Team and Safe Schools Team.

Survey

A Food Security Survey was sent to all families in the District on February 5, 2024, to inform the District of current needs. 3911 families responded between February 5th and February 22, 2024.

Key Findings

Of the 3911 responses:

- 3197 families can afford breakfast and lunch for their child(ren)
- 585 families can sometimes afford breakfast and lunch
- 129 families cannot afford breakfast and lunch
- From the 104 families who reported they participate in the School Meals Program, 184 families can sometimes afford to pay \$70.00 per month for our School Meals Program and 194 families cannot afford to pay \$70.00 per month for our School Meals Program
- 62 families reported that their child is currently being supported with lunch at their school, while 97 reported their child is sometimes being supported with lunch at school
- 562 families were willing to share their contact information to be contacted to discuss food security. The District and schools are in the process of contacting these families

Questions?

Indigenous Trades Opportunity

Allison McKillop, Program Consultant – Career Education and Transition Programs
February 27, 2024

Bring Trades to Schools Event - February 16, 2024





“I enjoyed working with a small group to try out all of the different trades.” - Chase

“We got to spend lots of time at each station to actually talk to the trades people about their jobs.” - Ryan



“We got to learn about the different ways that ACCESS can help us get started.” - Leland

