



Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 7, 2019

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** February 3, 2019
From: Councillor Collins and Councillor Loveday
Subject: Provincial Universal School Food Program

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister of Education, the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention, and member local governments and regional districts within the Capital Region, AVICC and UBCM, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

WHEREAS almost 500,000 individuals in BC experience food insecurity, and Canada remains one of the only Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) nations without a national school food program. And, Canada's current patchwork of school food programming reaches only a small percentage of students.

WHEREAS school food programs have been shown to increase children's consumption of vegetables, fruits and other healthy foods and decrease the consumption of unhealthy ones; improve students' mental health, including reductions in behavioural and emotional problems; improve cognitive skills and increase scholastic success.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities advocate to the provincial government for a Universal Healthy School Food Program that will enable all students in BC to have access to healthy meals at school, building on existing programs and including food education to serve culturally appropriate, local, sustainable food to the fullest extent possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Collins

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Councillor Loveday