

Student Nutrition Program – Quick Facts

Toronto Programs (2017/18):

- 812 programs at 600 site locations
- 71% of schools have programs
- Over 197,785 meals served/day
- 2016 municipal investment = \$9,992,366 million
- 2016 provincial investment = \$8,647,408 million
- 2017 municipal investment was increased from 16% to 18% (20%) = \$12,235,979
- \$1.18 cost per meal for elementary breakfast/morning meal/day
- \$1.69 cost in total (per student) per elementary breakfast/morning meal/day

If expanded to all students in Toronto, cost is projected at \$72M

*Interim numbers as of May 2017

Provincial/Municipal SNP Comparison:

MCYS	City of Toronto
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader in recognizing the need for, and supporting, school food programs to improve the learning, health and behavioural outcomes for Ontario students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Toronto has supported SNPs since before it amalgamated in 1998. It has increased its investment by almost \$11 million since 1998
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial investment has significantly leveraged financial support in Toronto 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toronto has advocated federally and provincially for added support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops multi-year expansion plans (2008, 2013) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Toronto developed 6 year plan (2012 – 2018) to strengthen and expand the program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Province has increased its investment by 51% since Toronto's plan was developed (2012-2018) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toronto has increased its investment by 220% since this plan was developed (2012-2018)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No inflationary increases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toronto provides annual food inflation in its budget

**Currently there is no Federal funding supporting Student Nutrition Programs in Toronto*

Funding Model Envisioned by Toronto:



Best Practices:

- Support from Multi-levels of Government
- Community-led
- Local partnerships include school board, public health and community groups to support front line food delivery
- No stigmatization
- Culturally appropriate nutritious food
- Designed to fit local capacity and content
- Programs are universal (not needs based)
- Coordinators are trained in nutrition and food handling
- Programs are held financially accountable
- Scaling up should consider state of program readiness and need

The Ask:

- Elected officials who are interested in being municipal champions for School Food
- Increased provincial support
- Advocacy for federal support
- Nation-wide expansion of the program
- Support to identify potential pilot sites

Resources:

- Feeding Our Future: First and Second-Year Evaluation, *TDSB*, 2006
- Nourishing Young Minds: A Review of Student Nutrition Program in Toronto, *Toronto Public Health (Staff Report)*, 2012

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