



Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Re: Report to PIAC Meeting**

### **Nutrition Program Federal Funding**

The Government of Canada and Province of Ontario [announced an investment in Student Nutrition Programs in the Ontario](#) today. Ontario has reached an agreement with the federal government that will see \$108.5 million over three years to help fund a school food program in the province.

The Province is committed to flowing some of this money this school year. TFSS' preliminary understanding is that the amount for the TDSB this school year will be modest, but this number has yet to be confirmed.

In the 2024/2025 school year approximately \$34 million of the federal funding will flow to Ontario and it is estimated 40% will be allocated to the First Nations Student Nutrition Program.

The funding in Ontario will flow through 14 lead agencies and Indigenous partners who administer existing provincial school food programs, such as the Student Nutrition Program and the First Nations Student Nutrition Program. The TFSS is the Lead Agency for Toronto.

The Province has indicated that the initial priority will be strengthening existing nutrition programs (particularly those seeing increased demand or at risk of closing, etc.).

### **Resources for Parents, Guardians & Caregivers**

We are excited to share that we have revamped the Resources for Parents, Guardians & Caregivers webpage! Content is now organized by helpful topics like Student Well-Being, Learning, and Engagement, making it easier than ever to find valuable resources. I encourage you to explore this new page and take advantage of the resources available to help you and your children thrive. You can easily access these resources by clicking the "Parents & Caregivers" button on the top bar of the TDSB homepage.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents>

### **Learn4Life Registration Now Open**

This winter, why not join thousands of adults and seniors in discovering new skills and interests with our fantastic general interest courses and senior programs? These amazing opportunities are brought to you by the TDSB Learn4Life Program.

Winter registration is now open, and courses kick off on January 11, 2025. Whether you are looking to dive into a new hobby or sharpen your skills, we have got something for everyone. Our fee-for-service programs are all about lifelong learning, offering a wide range of academic and recreational courses for



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adults in areas like languages, computers, fitness, wellness, music, and arts. Visit [www.learn4life.ca](http://www.learn4life.ca) to learn more and register today for both in-person and online programs. Let's make this winter a season of growth and fun together!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matias de Dovitiis".

Matias de Dovitiis  
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