Opportunities for Ontario's MPPs to



Through governance:

- Champion an inter-ministerial working group to focus on school food and to support the achievement of targets amongst various ministries.
- **Collaborate on the development of a visionary document** to advance a universal Student Nutrition Program and broader school food program.
- Undertake a thorough evaluation of the current Student Nutrition Program model with the aim of ensuring a universal program that provides high-quality meals. Such an evaluation would explore opportunities, using a food literacy lens, on how to align the current program with a broader vision for school food.

Through funding and in-kind support:

- Provide funding support for school coordinators and/or community partners to work with school and Student Nutrition Program staff. These dedicated staff can champion and support food programs and work to achieve goals relating to comprehensive school health.
- Advocate to municipalities for financial support for school food programs.
- Support the establishment and expansion of school food granting programs.
- Invest in school kitchen facilities and/or support portable food skills programs to bring properly trained staff and portable equipment into the schools.
- **Support centralized food production and distribution opportunities** to enable Student Nutrition Programs to prepare and access high quality food at a lower cost.
- Help build program capacity for social enterprise, social finance, and income-generation.

Through partnership building:

- Provide forums for stakeholders to better understand each other and work together.
- Facilitate relationships between farmers and schools to encourage local food procurement.

By championing school food:

- Visit and learn about programs.
- Advocate for all Ontario schools to run a universal Student Nutrition Program; help these programs to receive stable funding.
- Support public relations and ongoing education about these issues.
- Declare a Student Nutrition Program celebration and appreciation day.

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