

Opportunities for the Ontario Ministry of Finance to



Through governance:

- **Collaborate to develop a visionary document** that acknowledges what it will take 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 what gaps exist using a food literacy lens, and would suggest opportunities to align the current program with a broader vision for school food.
- **Support the establishment of an inter-ministerial working group to focus specifically on school food** and to support the achievement of targets amongst various ministries.

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.
- Help with **outreach and advocacy to municipalities** to make a case for financial support for school food programs and that there is a strong municipal role to be played.
- **Encourage 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.
- **Build greater capacity for social enterprise, social finance, and income-generating models** so that programs can support themselves.

By championing school food:

- **Advocate for all Ontario schools to run a Student Nutrition Program** that is accessible to every child and youth every school day; help these programs to receive stable funding.

Visit sustainontario.com/work/edible-education/say-yes/ for more *Say Yes! to Good Healthy Food in Schools* resources.