

Opportunities for the Office of the Premier to



Through governance:

- **Champion an inter-ministerial working group to focus on school food.**
- **Collaborate on the development of a visionary document** to advance a universal Student Nutrition Program and broader school food program.
- **Support 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.
- **Use a process of “open government” to involve all levels of government – federal, provincial, and municipal – in this issue.**
- Champion an advocacy process to **leverage federal funding for SNPs.**
- **Support the Ministry of Education to better integrate SNPs within its purview**, in particular the Ministry’s Healthy Schools efforts.

Through funding and in-kind support:

- **Support options for school coordinators and/or community partners to be hired 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.
- **Support the establishment and expansion of school food granting programs.**
- **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.**

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.

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