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Dear Families of Cloverdale Traditional School,

You may have heard of the **Feeding the Futures Fund** that the Ministry of Education and Child Care has allocated to 60 School Districts in British Columbia. Greater Victoria School District 61 is amongst the districts that have been allocated funds.

### **What is the purpose of Feeding the Futures fund?**

The purpose of this fund is to invest in building and expanding local school food programs over time (months, years) to make sure ALL students are fed and ready to learn. Schools are to support food security, by providing stigma and barrier free access to nutritious food that is both sustainable and consistent in the long term.

Some schools already have food initiatives up and running while others are working towards creating programs that best fit their school and student population and profile.

The Feeding the Futures fund targets 20% of the school population considered to be affected by food insecurity. If a school is able to offer food initiatives to more than 20%, that is wonderful.

### **What is happening at the district level?**

Every school will be receiving 2-6 boxes of fruit every week starting September 12, 2023. The number of boxes is based on 20% of the school population. This fruit will be distributed differently within each school, for instance: baskets in designated areas, added to a snack fridge or to supplement their lunch program.

Some schools that do not yet have the infrastructure to receive, distribute and store food will be fitted with a basic kitchenette (sink, cupboard and fridge).

### **What is happening at the school level?**

As each school develops a customized food initiative that best suits their school profile some things you may notice are:

- Community inclusion- non-profit organizations, corporate donors, PAC involvement,
- Breakfast programs
- Snacks
- Lunch programs
- Models such as opt-in or pay-what-you-can for lunch or PAC lunches will be an option
- Communication where/how to access food
- Community partnership- Family Surveys- grocery stores, local food security programs
- Volunteer opportunities
- Having staff to manage, prepare, store and distribute food
- Depending on the school allocation and needs, gift cards might also be offered

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**Items to look forward to:**

- Snack and lunch ideas
- Survey to families and students to identify what is working, where are the gaps (gather feedback)
- Lessons around food, nutrition, healthy habits

When you have a moment could ONE family member please complete the following 2 minute [Family Survey](#) for each school your children attend.

If you have questions, concerns or would like to help in some way please reach out to the administration at your school.

Best Regards,

Ms. Sue Ottenbreit  
Principal

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