

World Food Day

**2023 CAMPAIGN**

Every child deserves a  
nourished future.



**RIGHT TO FOOD**

Dear Ministers,

I am writing to express my support for the implementation of the National School Food Program (NSFP). The well-being of our country's children is an issue of paramount importance, and recent statistics underscore the urgency of taking meaningful action.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and the unprecedented inflation that has impacted a vast majority of Canadians, the challenges facing the global food system have augmented and disproportionately affected children. Food insecurity is now a reality for one in four Canadians under the age of 18, a 27% increase from 2021 to 2022. Beyond these 1.8 million children living in food-insecure households, many others arrive at school on an empty stomach for other reasons, depriving them of the daily nutrition they require to be their best and healthiest selves.

Canada should not be the only G7 nation without a school food program, and taking decisive action now aligns with international standards and demonstrates our commitment to future generations' well-being.

The NSFP is not just about nourishing children; it is about investing in the overall health, education and prosperity of our nation. Beyond its impact on students, the NSFP will benefit farmers, local economies and struggling families facing financial challenges amid the current inflationary context.

According to a recent Breakfast Club of Canada survey, 84% of Canadians believe that the NSFP should be implemented as soon as possible. By supporting the NSFP, we demonstrate our commitment to fostering a stronger, more inclusive Canada for everyone.

I firmly stand behind the implementation of the National School Food Program and urge you to make the first investment in this vital initiative. Our Canadian children deserve the best possible future, and a robust school food policy will undoubtedly contribute to a healthier, more prosperous nation.

Sincerely,