

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (ARROW LAKES) POLICY MANUAL**

### **340 – Provision of Nutritious Food to Students**

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#### General

- 1.1 The Board recognizes that food access is crucial to student well-being and academic success.
- 1.2 This policy provides the framework for delivering school food programs in alignment with relevant provincial guidelines.
- 1.3 School food programs will be designed for long-term viability.

#### Equity, Accessibility & Community Participation

- 1.4 Food programs will prioritize students who need them, ensuring barrier-free, stigma-free, and equitable access, respecting student privacy.
- 1.5 The district will strengthen food program delivery by engaging with parent advisory councils, Indigenous communities, local businesses, non-profit organizations, and food suppliers.

#### Nutrition & Well-being

- 1.6 The Board is committed to school food programs that meet or exceed provincial nutrition standards.
- 1.7 Wherever possible, food will be fresh, minimally processed, and sourced locally from B.C. or Canadian producers.

#### Authorization

- 1.8 The Superintendent is authorized and responsible for creating protocols to carry out the requirements of this policy, including:
  - 1.8.1 Ensuring the costs of operating food programs are covered by special-purpose funding from the MECC, plus any other third-party grants and donations.

- 1.8.2 Encouraging engagement and consultation with the district's Indigenous Education Council, parent advisory councils, and community stakeholders regarding the food programs.