

Ad Hoc Committee on BC Poverty Reduction Strategy Food Security

A DRAFT Report was reviewed as a culmination of topics and recommendations from the previous 4 meetings (Nov 5, Nov 26, Jan 30, Feb 2). The Report is confidential until it is reviewed and approved by the Board. And then it will be made public and Committee members encourage people to spread the word about the issue and how the District can respond.

Some points to note:

1. School District 57 has 16 schools with breakfast and/or lunch programs while almost all, with the exception of two schools, provide food support to students on a daily basis.
2. Some are organized/funded by the District while others are coordinated by community groups or PACs with grant funding or donations.
3. Approximately 35% of our students report being hungry during the day needing breakfast and/or lunch with up to 80+ kids being fed in some schools.
4. Rural schools face issues of available groceries, caterers, and lack of trained kitchen staff to run a food program.
5. There are identified Challenges within SD57 and province wide.
6. Recommendations will be shared including a District plan to provide equitable support to students utilizing various food prep models and funding strategies.

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