

**DATE:** June 6, 2017

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Trustee Cheryl Johner

**SUBJECT:** Motion re: Sharing Nutrition Pilot Evaluation Results

**REFERENCE:** [Trustees' Handbook – Section 5.2.2 – Notices of Motion](#)

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#### ISSUE

Notice of motion was served at the April 25, 2017, Board meeting.

#### BACKGROUND

The District has two schools in the Albert Education School Nutrition Pilot - Norwood and Inglewood Schools. The District is working in partnership with E4C for the delivery of the pilot.

At Norwood School, the pilot is focused on school lunch. Inglewood's model is a breakfast or morning snack.

The programs at both schools are using a fresh food approach and are designed to build student capacity in the area of healthy eating. Both programs strive to address the immediate need of student hunger and also build capacity in students for their own future food security.

To help inform best practice in delivering a school nutrition program, the District has contracted Dr. Gita Sharma, a renowned researcher in the area of nutrition at the University of Alberta, to evaluate the work happening at Norwood and Inglewood Schools.

The District recognizes that the need for school-based nutrition support exists in many schools, as one in six children in Edmonton live in poverty. Therefore, it is important that the pilot serves to inform school nutrition practices for both the District and Alberta Education.

We also know that the learning from our two pilot schools and Dr. Sharma's evaluation would be of great value to schools across the province.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That Edmonton Public Schools share the findings from Dr. Sharma's evaluation with Alberta Education and that the Board of Trustees advocate to Alberta Education in support of ensuring a robust evaluation component in Phase 2 of the provincial nutrition pilot.**

#### NEXT STEPS

Should the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation, a letter will be sent to Alberta Education in support of ensuring a robust evaluation component in Phase 2 of the provincial nutrition pilot.

Additionally, the letter will advise the Minister that the findings of Dr. Sharma's evaluation with Alberta Education could inform future provincial funding of school nutrition programming, and could inform new curriculum development.

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