

DATE: Tuesday, November 7, 1027

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Research Findings Related to District Schools' Participating in the Alberta Education School Nutrition Program

ORIGINATOR: Nancy Petersen, Managing Director Strategic Support Services

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REFERENCE: [Alberta Education School Nutrition Program](#)

ISSUE

The District funded Dr. Sangita Sharma to evaluate our work in the Alberta Education School Nutrition Program at Norwood and Inglewood Schools.

BACKGROUND

In the 2016-17 school year the province launched a school nutrition pilot. Norwood and Inglewood are the two District schools participating in the pilot. This work is done in partnership with e4c. The pilot provided the District with the opportunity to explore the delivery of a fresh foods approach to school nutrition.

To learn from the pilot experience, the District funded Dr. Sangita Sharma to conduct a research project focused on the pilot schools. Dr. Sharma is a Centennial Professor and Endowed Chair of Indigenous Health in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta.

The findings from Dr. Sharma's research will serve to inform the nutrition program at Norwood and Inglewood Schools, and the District will leverage this information to share with all District schools who offer nutrition programming as a support for students. Additionally, it is our intention to provide Alberta Education with a summary of the research to support the provincial initiative.

CURRENT SITUATION

Dr. Sharma will present a preliminary summary of her findings at the November 7^h Board meeting.

KEY POINTS

- The District has two schools (Norwood and Inglewood) participating in the Alberta Education School Nutrition Program.
- The District funded Dr. Sangita Sharma of the University of Alberta to conduct an evaluation of the nutrition program at our schools.
- Dr. Sharma will present her preliminary findings at the November 7^h Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS and APPENDICES

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