

Dear Party Leaders,

I have recently learned that nearly **two million children in Canada are at risk of going to school hungry every single day**. A shocking statistic accelerated by the pandemic. That's two million too many! As one of the most fortunate nations in the world, I find this unacceptable.

**I am asking you to take immediate action by supporting a mandate for a National School Food Program.** As the only G7 country without a National School Food Program, Canada needs to act NOW. And CANADA CAN. A National School Food Program would first ensure all two million children at risk are provided a nutritious meal within the school setting.

The pandemic taught us that the need for a National School Food Program is critical. The fact that municipal and provincial governments, schools, community organizations and the private sector are working together to deliver these programs today is fantastic. But it's not enough. We need the federal government to take leadership for the benefit of all Canada's children.

Hundreds of organizations across the country are working tirelessly to support the increasing demand, and they need help. A formally supported National School Food Program would allow this existing network to maintain, improve and expand programs to deliver support at scale. We know HOW to feed our kids; however, we urgently need the support and leadership of the federal government to make this happen.

**I urgently implore you to stand up for Canada's kids.** You are in a position of immense power to change the trajectory of millions of children's lives. Our kids cannot wait years to see this program come to fruition, and they don't have to. **CANADA CAN FEED KIDS NOW.**

Kind regards,