



ALGOMA HEALTH UNIT

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-60

DATE: June 23, 2004

MOVED: LaRue

SECONDED: Cyr

Whereas children and adolescents who are well-nourished are more likely to learn better, grow well, be active and maintain their health as adults, and

Whereas poor eating habits are contributing to the rising rate of childhood and adolescent overweight, obesity and type 2 diabetes, and

Whereas food insecurity is a growing concern in a number of Ontario households and schools that support the development and sustainability of school nourishment programs will provide a safety net for those children and adolescents at risk, and

Whereas currently in Ontario schools, there is an increasing availability of minimally nutritious foods and a decline in the quality of food brought from home, and

Whereas the formal curriculum provides an ideal place to teach children and teenagers about nutrition since they spend a significant amount of their time at school, and

Whereas a school that embraces the concept of a Healthy School Nutrition Environment will promote and support healthy eating to students through actions as well as words, and

Whereas the current school nutrition environment is a significant public health issue that requires urgent action at both the local and provincial levels,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Algoma Health Unit Board of Health endorse the *Call to Action: Creating a Healthy School Nutrition Environment*, Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health, March 2004, and

Furthermore that the Algoma Health Unit Board of Health write to the Premier of Ontario, to request the government implement the proposed Call to Action recommendations for achieving a Healthy School Nutrition Environment, including implementing mandatory Food Standards for all Ontario elementary and secondary schools, and

Furthermore that copies of this letter be forwarded to our local M.P.s, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Health and Long-term Care, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association, all Medical Officers of Health, and all Board of Health Chairpersons.

Furthermore that action taken to reduce childhood and adolescent obesity should be coordinated with efforts to reduce the proportion of the total population who are obese.

CARRIED: Chair's Signature

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