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Lee-Ann Tiede, Chair Board of Education School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Email: Boardof.Education@sd23.bc.ca

Dear Lee-Ann Tiede:

Thank you for your email of February 22,2023, regarding the Student and Family Affordability Fund (SFAF). It is always wonderful to hear from Boards of Education about how students and their families have benefited from the SFAF program.

We are happy to be able to announce that <u>Budget 2023</u> invests \$214 million over three years to expand existing school food programs and increase capacity to address student hunger in all districts. The program will help school-age children reliably access nutritious food in partnership with the Feed BC program, so that kids can eat healthy, local food and focus on learning.

More information about the program will be available soon.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Rachna Singh

Minister