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Marc Dalton

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Dear MP Dalton:

Subject: Funding for National Food Program

The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows board of education appreciated the federal government's recent commitment to investing \$1 billion into a national school food program over five years. Addressing food insecurity for students in our district is a top priority as we strive to ensure all students have equitable learning opportunities, which starts with meeting basic nutrition needs.

We understand that securing the funding required for a national school food program depends on approving the federal budget, a process that comes with political challenges. We ask that you and your colleagues work together to approve the funding needed to make this program a reality. Your support is crucial to creating a future where no student must struggle to learn on an empty stomach.

A national school food program will significantly benefit our district, and we eagerly look forward to using these funds to ensure students are fully nourished each day on their path to successful learning.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Elaine Yamamoto
Board of Education

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