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LETTER FOR PARENTS THERE'S A STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Dear St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES Families:

We are pleased to share that our school will offer a Student Nutrition Program (SNP) which has been approved and is directly overseen by the SNP Central-East Ontario and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to support students during the school day. Any student who may need access to food is welcome to participate and without question. Research shows that a Student Nutrition Program has a positive impact on student achievement, less student interruption in the classroom and overall health and well-being.

A variety of compact morning meals, essentially a snack consisting of a fruit OR vegetable, grain product and protein or dairy item, which all meet the expectations of the SNP Nutritional Guidelines, will be served throughout the week and will be distributed to each homeroom at the start of the day to be accessed by students. Each homeroom has a labelled, re-sealable bin with a lid, which will be sanitized and replenished with food items as required.

The nutrition program is simple; students have access to and can help themselves to healthy foods at school, at no cost, when they feel hungry. **Please note, we still ask you to send your child to school with a healthy snack and meal, every day.**

We want to be transparent that the program operates with limited funds. While we do our best to meet student needs, the amount of food available will vary from day to day. Student Nutrition Programs **rely** on support from parents and caregivers, businesses, local charities, etc. While the Government of Ontario has made significant investment in Student Nutrition Programs, this contribution is less than 15% of a school's total costs. ***This means many schools must fundraise for the more than 85% of costs.***

We are excited to invite you to participate:

- ***Cash or cheque donations made payable to St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES, with the memo line: "SGBS Student nutrition program Donation"***

Make no mistake; your involvement, in any way, will have a big impact on the students! Thank you for helping us care for our students as a community.

Sincerely,

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William H Kwon
Principal