



*Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory - We acknowledge, respect, and honor the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District No. 8.*

## District

1. Superintendent's Report [September 2023](#)
  - SD8's 2024-2029 [Strategic Plan](#) (one page [summary](#))
2. Board Highlights [September 12, 2023](#)
  - [Feeding Futures](#)

Director of Instruction, Deanna Holitzki presented information to the Board of Education about Feeding Futures a new, provincially funded program for school districts to create or expand local food programs for financially vulnerable students in schools.

SD8 has received \$644,263 for the 2023-2024 school year to buy food for vulnerable students and to hire new staff to buy and coordinate food distribution to students. Funds are to be used to purchase food and kitchen equipment, as well as to hire staff to co-ordinate food programs in the district including purchasing food and providing meals and snacks to students. At least 30% of food provided or sold to students must be BC grown.

The program is not designed to be a universal program for all students, but to support academic success as well as social development of vulnerable students.

The program builds on two other programs that address food equity for all students: the 2022-2023 Student and Family Affordability Fund and the broader provincial Feed BC Program through the Ministry of Education and Child Care and the Ministry of Agriculture.

## Parent Engagement

3. Healthy Food's in Schools
  - [School Meal and School Nutrition Program Handbook](#) (Page 12, 14-23 reviews choose most/sometimes options)
    - Minimum of 50% needs to come from the **choose most** column
    - Maximum of 50% can come from the **choose sometimes** column
  - [Guidelines for Food & Beverage Sales in BC Schools](#)
  - *Restaurants can still provide food to the schools although they will need to meet the nutrition requirements and maximum 20% markup. This is where restaurants may run into problems but if these guidelines can be met then we are more than happy to keep the money in the community and supporting local restaurants.*
  - Quick Facts:
    - All school involvement with food (ex. breakfasts, lunch programs, fundraisers) need to abide by the guidelines. There are some suggestions in the handbook and guidelines for substituting ingredients in foods like pizza, cookies, etc. so these items can most certainly be provided to students, there are just small substitutions that need to be made.
    - 30% of food being provided should be sourced from within B.C or locally.
    - Food being sold or provided to students cannot be marked up more than 20%. This includes external caterers and PAC fundraisers.
    - The ministry is encouraging some cultural diversity in the meals that are being provided so feel free to get creative and see what cultures are represented in the area and incorporate some meals or snacks that come from these communities.

4. Food Safe

Here is the link to a [certified food safe course](#), which offers a 15% discount if we enroll more than 10 people. The course cost without the discount is \$29.95. The course is fully online and can take 6 hours to complete with a final exam (on webcam) at the end. It is self-paced so you can start and stop whenever you wish, and you have up to 30 days to complete it.

5. Volunteer Packages

- [AP 2303: Volunteers](#)

## Learning

6. Mme Victoria attending the Southern Interior French Educator (SILC) Networking Event next week – we are excited for her to have this opportunity to join other French Educators throughout the province.
7. Ms. King, Ms. Ziefflie, Ms. Feltham, Ms. DeBoon and Ms. Adams are all taking part in a Primary Literacy/Numeracy ProD Series this year.
8. School Planning Day (Friday September 22, 2023): Literacy goal, Numeracy goal, School specific goal

## Relationships

9. Corn Roast (September 14, 2023) – was a super success! Thank you to all the families that were able to come out and join us for a festive evening.

10. Terry Fox Run (September 21, 2023)

11. Playground

Our playground should be arriving next week.

We are tentatively arranging volunteers to help with the installation on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to assemble poles and set up the decks. Volunteers would need steel toed shoes, hardhats, and high vis vests (school can provide some high vis vests).

Following installation, the playground will require final touchups by staff to complete welding and safety checks.