

QP Summary May 11th - MLP Questioned

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DeJong: Fruit and Veggie program in schools – regular shipments of fresh fruit, veggies and milk; society that runs the program has been told that the gov funding that they’ve been receiving for a decade is ending; without funding now, they cannot operate into next year and will have to notify farmers that products won’t be required.

MLP response: funding for program comes from HLTH; in discussions with them to help support program; will be looking at ways within AFF and in the FeedBC program to support this program and others throughout BC– discussions with HLTH and society in the near future.

Patton: seeking funding since February; MLP met with society in April; required to respond yesterday – deadline passed.

MLP response: will be working with the society, HLTH and EDUC to find a way to distribute amazing produce around the province.

Hansards: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/documents-data/debate-transcripts/42nd-parliament/2nd-session>

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FW: AFF Estimates Information

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Here's the supplemental for estimates on BCSFVNP

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Subject: RE: AFF Estimates Information

Hey Mark,

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Attached are two ADM supplementals for estimates on youth programs.

Lindsay

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Subject: FYI: AFF Estimates Information

Good Morning,

Attached as FYI is our current AFF 2021 Estimates Binder (not for further distribution).

<< File: 2021 Estimate Binder.pdf >>

Typically Arif asks that each Branch prepare their own "Supplemental Estimates Notes" for his own binder to have on hand. Can everyone please review what they had submitted last year and put their minds towards what additional material we will need to provide for Arif in advance of Estimates this year.

My take on Supplemental Estimates Notes:

- Items that have not had the profile or budget to make it into the broader Ministry Binder
- More detailed information on specific EN's that are already included in the binder
- Format can be loose as this information is for Arif's personal binder
- Previous BN's can be used

If you could please work with your office manager and email them to Dawnae with Supplemental Estimate Notes prior to April 30th, 2021.

Thank You,
Mark

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Good morning:

Thank you for all the work that went into preparing and organizing estimates notes for this year's debate. All final approved notes and a complete e-binder are now available on the Executive SharePoint site <https://nrm.sp.gov.bc.ca/sites/AGRI/executive/_layouts/15/start.aspx> .

Budget day is tomorrow and the estimates debates will begin on May 10th; however, we do not know at this time when AFF will be scheduled – all we know at this time is that we aren't in the first tranche. We hope to have the executive team onsite to support the Minister: Tom, Arif, Jenn, Wes, Kim (COVID situation dependent), but we will not be linking in the sr. leadership team by conference call this year. It is expected, however, that the ED team be on stand by during the debate and available to answer any questions posed by executive if required.

I will keep you updated as matters progress.

Thank you.

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Hi,

Can you confirm funding is not forthcoming from Health and can you get the letter from Health that they apparently sent confirming this to BCAITC?

Cheers, S.

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This was last communique from Lorie.

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FYI

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To: Raymond, Mark AFF:EX <Mark.Raymond@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program
Hi Mark,
Hope you are doing well, as well.
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Lorie
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Sent: April 20, 2021 10:24 AM
To: Hrycuik, Lorie HLTH:EX <Lorie.Hrycuik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program

Good Morning Lorie,

I hope you are doing well. I am currently acting for Arif for the next couple weeks. Our MO has asked that I reach out to get a status on the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program. I don't believe Health has confirmed the anticipated end-of-year funds. I believe BCAITC usually receives confirmation prior to April 1st.

Are you able to provide me any updates on status and/or point me in the right direction?

Thank You,

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RE: Request for BN on fruit and veg

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This one we had seen and there was work done afterwards by Mark to try and get an answer from Lorie....

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Angie is sending it back from the MO in eApps as an official record and to get an update on the funding piece.

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Had you seen this?

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Hi Sarah, can you send me the BN you did for Mark/MO last week on the fruit and veg program? We're preparing some speaking notes for Min for two meetings with PO on Thurs – one on Feed BC and one with Min Whiteside on Feed BC and school meals. Will be great to see what you've prepared so we don't duplicate anything.

Thanks,

Martha

BCSFVNP Update?

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To: Laframboise, Natalie HLTH:EX
Cc: Freeborn, Kara EDUC:EX, Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX
Sent: May 11, 2021 1:17:23 PM PDT

Hi Natalie

I'm wondering if there are any updates on this from Health? I guess it came up in question period today. I have been assigned a rush status update to our BN.

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FW: QP Summary May 11th - MLP Questioned

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Cc: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>, Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>, Lyttle, Shawna AFF:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>, Zachary, Dawnae AFF:EX <Dawnae.Zachary@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 11, 2021 2:54:32 PM PDT

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Sent: May 11, 2021 1:23 PM
To: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Raymond, Mark AFF:EX <Mark.Raymond@gov.bc.ca>; Zachary, Dawnae AFF:EX <Dawnae.Zachary@gov.bc.ca>; Robinson, Jonathan M HLTH:EX <Jonathan.Robinson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: QP Summary May 11th - MLP Questioned
Arif, we are aware of the questions at QP today on the SFVNP.s.13; s.17
s.13; s.17

Program areas do not communicate any funding information. Mark did reach out on May 20th and I suggested to have your MO connect with our MO to find out if the program had been successful. There is internal discussions right now on this program and I imagine there will be a reach out between our ministries on the question below.

Lorie
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Sent: May 11, 2021 12:34 PM
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Subject: FW: QP Summary May 11th - MLP Questioned

Hello Lorie – its been a while. Can you please confirm whether Health will be providing funding to this Program for this fiscal year and if not has/when was the program advised? s.13; s.17
s.22

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From: Lyttle, Shawna AFF:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 11, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>; Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>; McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>; Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX <Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca>
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DeJong: Fruit and Veggie program in schools – regular shipments of fresh fruit, veggies and milk; society that runs the program has been told that the gov funding that they've been receiving for a decade is ending; without funding now, they cannot operate into next year and will have to notify farmers that products won't be required.

MLP response: funding for program comes from HLTH; in discussions with them to help support program; will be looking at ways within AFF and in the FeedBC program to support this program and others throughout BC– discussions with HLTH and society in the near future.

Patton: seeking funding since February; MLP met with society in April; required to respond yesterday – deadline passed.

MLP response: will be working with the society, HLTH and EDUC to find a way to distribute amazing produce around the province.

Hansards: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/documents-data/debate-transcripts/42nd-parliament/2nd-session>

Shawna Lyttle

Manager of Executive Operations and Planning

RE: BCSFVNP BN Update

From: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>
To: Anslow, Martha AFF:EX
Cc: Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX
Sent: May 11, 2021 3:06:21 PM PDT

Thanks Martha

Absolutely – I will keep you in the loop. It is a bit of a tough one to update since nothing has been confirmed by Health yet. Hopefully we will hear back soon.

Sarah

From: Anslow, Martha AFF:EX <Martha.Anslow@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 11, 2021 3:03 PM
To: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX <Elietha.M.Bocskei@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BCSFVNP BN Update

Just sent you the two docs, Sarah. We haven't heard how the meeting went today but hopefully after the PO meeting where our Min and there Min had already discussed some of this.

It's too bad we didn't combine Feed BC in K-12 and this Program in a BN together, for some reason Mark didn't want to.

We separately sent info to the MO on the current cost of school meals/Community Links but it's in another context (what it would cost to increase BC foods in different sectors) and doesn't have relevance for this issue.

Can you send us the final that goes up from you? It's great to stay connected.

Thanks,
Martha

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To: Anslow, Martha AFF:EX <Martha.Anslow@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX <Elietha.M.Bocskei@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BCSFVNP BN Update

Thanks Martha

That would be great.

I hope to get the actual BCSFVNP status update from Health, but would love to tie in some info on the current information on the intended direction on school food.

Sarah

From: Anslow, Martha AFF:EX <Martha.Anslow@gov.bc.ca>
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To: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX <Elietha.M.Bocskei@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BCSFVNP BN Update

We just did key messages for the Minister for her briefing with the PO and Minister Whiteside – we can send you the eApp if that helps? It has nothing to do with the fruit and veg program, and HLTH will know the status of funding before us, but will send you what we have shortly.

From: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 11, 2021 1:27 PM

To: Anslow, Martha AFF:EX <Martha.Anslow@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX <Elietha.M.Bocskei@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: BCSFVNP BN Update

Importance: High

Hi Martha and Elietha

It sounds like the BCSFVNP came up in question period today. I reached out to Health to ask for an update (Elietha you were copied on that).

I've been asked to rush update the briefing note as below:

"The BN here notes the funding decision is "not confirmed". But we learned in QP today that, according to the Opp, Health has confirmed no funding....? Can we please get an updated a BN on this including next steps and how Edu's mandate for meals in school may overlap?"

I'm hoping that you might be able to provide some bullets on the current status of discussions with Education about the school food mandate. I have to send it up by tomorrow morning. Would you be able to send me something by the end of the day?

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Conversation with Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX

From: Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX <Lindsay.Bisschop@gov.bc.ca>
To: Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX, van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX
Sent: May 11, 2021 4:14:08 PM PDT

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 1:04 PM:

hey Sarah, looks like BCSFVNP came up on question period

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 1:04 PM:

sent you a request for an update from MO

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 1:04 PM:

Rush and due by tomorrow at noon

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 1:11 PM:

okay - I will see if Natalie has heard anything

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 1:12 PM:

Do you know if anything came out of the Ministers meeting with Minister Whiteside last week?

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 1:13 PM:

that mtg is this week

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 1:13 PM:

don't think there is much of an update

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 1:13 PM:

wasn't focused on BCSFVNP

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 3:23 PM:

Natalie says she doesn't know anything new but is also preparing a rush BN

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 3:24 PM:

I called Pat and confirmed that they still have not heard anything from Health

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 3:43 PM:

yes, I saw a note from arif that he had reached out to laurie

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 3:43 PM:

nothing new from them

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 3:44 PM:

think everyone is just responding to the QP

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:00 PM:

for sure - not much of an update to provide then - basically just that we reached out to BCAITC and they have still not heard from Health

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:01 PM:

Pat indicated strong willingness to adapt the program in any way necessary - I can note that in there are well so it doesn't seem like an all or nothing scenario

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 4:02 PM:

Yes, I think you should note that feedback

Conversation with Witter, Allison AFF:EX

From: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>
To: Witter, Allison AFF:EX, van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX
Sent: May 11, 2021 5:02:56 PM PDT

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 3:11 PM:

Heads up for you - I have been asked to do a rush update on the BCSFVNP for noon tomorrow. It came up in question period today and apparently the opposition indicated that the program was not being funded. I have reached out to my contact at Health for confirmation - and hope to have some verified information before the deadline.

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 3:11 PM:

ok thank you

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 3:12 PM:

I saw that it had come back your way - keep me posted on what you hear back from Health

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 3:12 PM:

I have also looped in Martha and Elietha for the school food angle - apparently that meeting with EDU and the PO was today - but no updates on the Feed BC end

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:03 PM:

Natalie from Health says she doesn't know anything new but is also preparing a rush BN

I called Pat from BCAITC and confirmed that they still have not heard anything from Health

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:04 PM:

not much of an update to provide then - basically just that we reached out to BCAITC and they have still not heard from Health

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:04 PM:

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Witter, Allison AFF:EX 4:39 PM:

ok sounds good, thanks

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 4:40 PM:

I see that you've sent me the note - will take a look now

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:40 PM:

sent it to you - just a few changes - which I highlighted for your easy reading

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 4:44 PM:

much appreciated

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 4:44 PM:

is there anything further we could add for next steps?

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 4:45 PM:

Sam had asked for that, although I think the Minister meeting is key next step

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:46 PM:

s.13; s.17

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 4:47 PM:

ok

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 4:48 PM:

I may add a bullet on key points to emphasize during said meeting - a summary of the preceding sections

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 4:48 PM:

*sections

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:49 PM:

if any funding is confirmed we could recommend a meeting with key staff from each Ministry to work with BCAITC on how to achieve the best value related to funds available and current priorities

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 4:49 PM:

yes - will add that too

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:49 PM:

the key points is a great idea

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 4:54 PM:

and, if no funding confirmed, suggest an official response to Pat, although not sure which Ministry would take that on

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:55 PM:

yes - that is important

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:55 PM:

I think Health should since the request was to them with AFF and EDU copied

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 4:56 PM:

ok thanks

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 4:56 PM:

sending up to Lindsay shortly

Materials - BC Fruit and Vegetable Program - Ag in the Classroom

From: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX
s.15
To: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX
Sent: May 12, 2021 10:21:13 AM PDT
Attachments: 193994 - Appendix A BCAITC Minister of Health Funding Request.pdf, 193994
- Appendix B BCAITC Strategic Plan.pdf, 193994_MIN_IBN_BC Agri in
Classroom.docx

As requested...

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FW: Materials - BC Fruit and Vegetable Program - Ag in the Classroom

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Sent: May 12, 2021 10:23:58 AM PDT
Attachments: 193994 - Appendix A BCAITC Minister of Health Funding Request.pdf, 193994 - Appendix B BCAITC Strategic Plan.pdf, 193994_MIN_IBN_BC Agri in Classroom.docx

Lorie – some concern that MLP heard that the program was late in submitting their funding request but in the attached it is clear their request came in February 2021.

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Fwd: RUSH: 1196915 BN - BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program funding

From: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 12, 2021 1:35:41 PM PDT
Attachments: Cliff 1196915 BC School Fruit Vegetable Nutritional Program 1030 am (PP).docx, 2021 BC Agriculture in the Classroom - BCSFVNP.pdf

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX" <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 12, 2021 at 1:24:28 PM PDT
To: "Popham, Lana AFF:EX" <Lana.Popham@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX" <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: **FW: RUSH: 1196915 BN - BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program funding**

Hello Minister,

Attached is our ministry's briefing note on the fruit and vegetable nutrition program funding.

-Alex

From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX <Heather.Murray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 12, 2021 11:19 AM
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RUSH: 1196915 BN - BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program funding
Importance: High
Good Morning,
Please find attached an IBN regarding the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program funding.
Thanks, Heather

Conversation with Weistra, Lauren AFF:EX

From: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>
To: Weistra, Lauren AFF:EX, van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX
Sent: May 12, 2021 2:13:40 PM PDT

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 1:57 PM:

I'm pulling together some info on BCAITC for Lindsay and Mark - can you confirm if their computers belong to the Ministry?

Weistra, Lauren AFF:EX 1:59 PM:

YEs they do

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 2:00 PM:

and the office phone lines too right?

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 2:00 PM:

I know the cell phone is no longer

Weistra, Lauren AFF:EX 2:01 PM:

The cell phone is back on our account as per mark as she could not get MDMS (outlook) as a contractor she needed to be attached to a branch with EA coding

Weistra, Lauren AFF:EX 2:01 PM:

office phone line, she has skype for business (UC) like us

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 2:01 PM:

gotcha

RE: Request for BN on fruit and veg

From: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>
To: Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX
Cc: Raymond, Mark AFF:EX, Witter, Allison AFF:EX
Sent: May 12, 2021 2:21:45 PM PDT

Hi Lindsay – as requested

BCSFVNP 2018 Evaluation

- The BCSFVNP was evaluated in 2018, the evaluation results can be accessed online: [BCSFVNP_evaluation_summary_report_Final_2018.pdf \(bcaitc.ca\)](#)
 - 98% of teachers and coordinators indicated that they believed their school benefited from the program and that they enjoyed having the program at their school.
- Evaluation results related to **agriculture** objectives were positive:
 - 70% of teachers and coordinators indicated that their own awareness of BC[1]grown fruits and vegetables increased because of their school's involvement in the BCSFVNP.
 - Just over half of all students agreed that it is better to eat and buy fruits, vegetables, and milk grown in BC. The longer a secondary school was enrolled in the BCSFVNP, the more likely students were to agree that it is better to eat and buy fruits and vegetables grown in BC, and to correctly identify fruits, vegetables and milk items as BC-grown.
- Evaluation results related to **education** objectives were positive:
 - 57% of classroom teachers reported that they sometimes used the BCSFVNP to support delivery of curriculum in the classroom.
 - 72% of teachers who used the BCSFVNP to support curriculum delivery indicated that the core competency of "Personal Awareness and Responsibility" was supported by the BCSFVNP.
 - 70% of teachers reported that the BCSFVNP was most useful in delivering the curriculum in Physical and Health Education.
- Evaluation results related to **health** objectives were less conclusive:
 - About half of elementary students (46%) and a third of secondary students (32%) reported that the BCSFVNP helped them want to eat more fruits and vegetables.
 - About half of teachers and coordinators (48%) believed that the program had a positive effect for most students on preference for fruits and vegetables. A similar proportion of teachers and coordinators at milk-enrolled schools (44%) indicated that the program had a positive effect for most students on preference for milk.
 - Ministry of Health staff shared concerns following the evaluation related to the number of portions and whether it is sufficient to impact healthy eating; the BCSFVNP initial pilot program showed positive results related to healthy eating but it also included a larger number of portions delivered to a smaller number of schools.

Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries Support for BCAITC

- BCAITC has one office and one cubicle in the Abbotsford Agriculture Centre (AAC), this has been provided to BCAITC at no cost since the AAC opened
- BCAITC staff that work at the AAC use Ministry computers, internet, software, and printers
- The BCAITC Executive Director's cell phone is connected to a Ministry account, but BCAITC reimburses the Ministry for the cost
- In 2019 AFF provided \$65,000 to BCAITC for development of new curriculum resources to support the BCSFVNP

Sarah

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Sent: May 12, 2021 12:58 PM
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Cc: Raymond, Mark AFF:EX <Mark.Raymond@gov.bc.ca>; Witter, Allison AFF:EX <Allison.Witter@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Request for BN on fruit and veg

Hey Sarah,

Can you pull together bullets on the BCSFVNP evaluation from 2018 (from previous BN) and on the arrangement with AFF for Abbotsford space to send to Mark and me?

Lindsay

From: Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX
Sent: May 12, 2021 12:57 PM
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Cc: Raymond, Mark AFF:EX <Mark.Raymond@gov.bc.ca>; Hansen, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>; Zachary, Dawnae AFF:EX <Dawnae.Zachary@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for BN on fruit and veg

Sure, we will pull the bullets on the BCSFVNP evaluation and also get you an update on the arrangement with AITC and AFF on the Abbotsford building.

Lindsay

From: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 12, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX <Lindsay.Bisschop@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: Request for BN on fruit and veg

Lindsay – can I get the audit BN that was done and also the most recent financial statements for Ag in the Classroom. Mark – are they still occupying space in Abbotsford building and are they paying for it?

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Subject: FW: Request for BN on fruit and veg

Here's the BN

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Sent: May 3, 2021 4:48 PM
To: Anslow, Martha AFF:EX <Martha.Anslow@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: Request for BN on fruit and veg

Hi Martha

Please find the note and appendices attached. This is currently sitting with Tom for approval.

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Subject: Request for BN on fruit and veg

Hi Sarah, can you send me the BN you did for Mark/MO last week on the fruit and veg program? We're preparing some speaking notes for Min for two meetings with PO on Thurs – one on Feed BC and one with Min Whiteside on Feed BC and school meals. Will be great to see what you've prepared so we don't duplicate anything.

Thanks,

Martha

RE: May 12th QP Summary - MLP Questioned re: BCFVP

From: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX <Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: May 12, 2021 2:36:04 PM PDT

We've been directed to put a statement asap – this has been approved now by PO:

The funding for the School Fruit and Vegetable Nutrition Program is confirmed for the upcoming school year. Both the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and the Ministry of Education have been mandated to work together on creating more local school meal programs, leveraging our successful FeedBC program to connect local farmers and food producers.

Going forward, we will look to expand and improve upon this program, which helps introduce students to B.C-grown fruit and vegetables, and other similar programs so that our children are benefitting from fresh local food and getting a healthy head start.

From: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 12, 2021 2:35 PM

To: Lyttle, Shawna AFF:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>; McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>; Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX <Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: May 12th QP Summary - MLP Questioned re: BCFVP

Hmmmm. That little program kinda went political.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 12, 2021, at 2:26 PM, Lyttle, Shawna AFF:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Fruit and Veggie Program

Leader of the Opposition: Premier has chosen to end program that has been running for 15 years; asking premier to reinstate funding immediately.

MLP: request for funding came in; assoc. was provided two options for funding; under active consideration by HLTH; AFF and HLTH supports and should have news soon

Bond: clear that the Premier doesn't intend to keep existing program; Premier gave his office \$4M raise that would have covered the program

MLP: currently analyzing the request; looking at ways supporting many programs – this is just one program to bring agri in to classrooms; will work with EDUC to look at programs

DeJong: society was told no, not that gov was looking at options

MLP: options are being analyzed; still \$1M left from last year; news soon

Otherwise the focus was on the opioid crisis and COVID data.

Hansards: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/documents-data/debate-transcripts/42nd-parliament/2nd-session>

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RE: Request for BN on fruit and veg

From: Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX <Lindsay.Bisschop@gov.bc.ca>
To: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX
Cc: Raymond, Mark AFF:EX, Hansen, Erin AFF:EX, Zachary, Dawnae AFF:EX
Sent: May 12, 2021 2:37:03 PM PDT
Attachments: SFVNP and +Milk - Updated Objectives Final.pdf
Hi Arif,

As requested here are the bullets on the BCSFVNP 2018 Evaluation and in-kind support currently from AFF.

BCSFVNP 2018 Evaluation

- The BCSFVNP was evaluated in 2018, the evaluation results can be accessed online:
[BCSFVNP evaluation summary report Final 2018.pdf \(bcaitc.ca\)](#)
 - 98% of teachers and coordinators indicated that they believed their school benefited from the program and that they enjoyed having the program at their school.
- Evaluation results related to **agriculture** objectives were positive:
 - 70% of teachers and coordinators indicated that their own awareness of BC[1]grown fruits and vegetables increased because of their school's involvement in the BCSFVNP.
 - Just over half of all students agreed that it is better to eat and buy fruits, vegetables, and milk grown in BC. The longer a secondary school was enrolled in the BCSFVNP, the more likely students were to agree that it is better to eat and buy fruits and vegetables grown in BC, and to correctly identify fruits, vegetables and milk items as BC-grown.
- Evaluation results related to **education** objectives were positive:
 - 57% of classroom teachers reported that they sometimes used the BCSFVNP to support delivery of curriculum in the classroom.
 - 72% of teachers who used the BCSFVNP to support curriculum delivery indicated that the core competency of "Personal Awareness and Responsibility" was supported by the BCSFVNP.
 - 70% of teachers reported that the BCSFVNP was most useful in delivering the curriculum in Physical and Health Education.
- Evaluation results related to **health** objectives were less conclusive:
 - About half of elementary students (46%) and a third of secondary students (32%) reported that the BCSFVNP helped them want to eat more fruits and vegetables.
 - About half of teachers and coordinators (48%) believed that the program had a positive effect for most students on preference for fruits and vegetables. A similar proportion of teachers and coordinators at milk-enrolled schools (44%) indicated that the program had a positive effect for most students on preference for milk.
 - Ministry of Health staff shared concerns following the evaluation related to the number of portions and whether it is sufficient to impact healthy eating; the BCSFVNP initial pilot program showed positive results related to healthy eating but it also included a larger number of portions delivered to a smaller number of schools.
- After the results of the evaluation, HLTH worked with EDU and AFF to update the BCSFVN objectives in 2019 to better align with the different partner mandates (attached).

Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries Support for BCAITC

- BCAITC has one office and one cubicle in the Abbotsford Agriculture Centre (AAC), this has been provided to BCAITC at no cost since the AAC opened
- BCAITC staff that work at the AAC use Ministry computers, internet, software, and printers
- The BCAITC Executive Director's cell phone is connected to a Ministry account, but BCAITC reimburses the Ministry for the cost
- In 2019 AFF provided \$65,000 to BCAITC for development of new curriculum resources to support the BCSFVNP

Let me know what else you need to support the decision-making on the path forward.

Lindsay Bisschop

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Respectfully acknowledging that I live and work on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, Stó:lō, Kwantlen, Katzie, Tsawwassen, Kwikwilem, and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples.

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Sent: May 12, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: Request for BN on fruit and veg

Sure, we will pull the bullets on the BCSFVNP evaluation and also get you an update on the arrangement with AITC and AFF on the Abbotsford building.

Lindsay

From: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 12, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX <Lindsay.Bisschop@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Raymond, Mark AFF:EX <Mark.Raymond@gov.bc.ca>; Hansen, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>; Zachary, Dawnae AFF:EX <Dawnae.Zachary@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for BN on fruit and veg

Lindsay – can I get the audit BN that was done and also the most recent financial statements for Ag in the Classroom. Mark – are they still occupying space in Abbotsford building and are they paying for it?

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From: Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX <Lindsay.Bisschop@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: FW: Request for BN on fruit and veg

Here's the BN

From: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 3, 2021 4:48 PM
To: Anslow, Martha AFF:EX <Martha.Anslow@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX <Lindsay.Bisschop@gov.bc.ca>; Raymond, Mark AFF:EX <Mark.Raymond@gov.bc.ca>; Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX <Elietha.M.Bocskei@gov.bc.ca>; Witter, Allison AFF:EX <Allison.Witter@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for BN on fruit and veg

Hi Martha

Please find the note and appendices attached. This is currently sitting with Tom for approval.

Sarah van Heeswijk | Youth Development Team Lead

From: Anslow, Martha AFF:EX <Martha.Anslow@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 3, 2021 4:11 PM

To: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>

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Subject: Request for BN on fruit and veg

Hi Sarah, can you send me the BN you did for Mark/MO last week on the fruit and veg program? We're preparing some speaking notes for Min for two meetings with PO on Thurs – one on Feed BC and one with Min Whiteside on Feed BC and school meals. Will be great to see what you've prepared so we don't duplicate anything.

Thanks,
Martha

Conversation with Witter, Allison AFF:EX

From: Witter, Allison AFF:EX <Allison.Witter@gov.bc.ca>
To: Witter, Allison AFF:EX, van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX
Sent: May 12, 2021 3:13:14 PM PDT

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 9:39 AM:

Hi - I think Lindsay may have mentioned this near end of the call but if not - would be great to add targets to the proposal - e.g., we are looking to expand into these regions, establish this many new clubs through this project, etc

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 10:03 AM:

(goodluck)

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 2:29 PM:

s.13; s.17

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 2:29 PM:

Interesting...that would be big news

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 2:30 PM:

Any idea where the \$ would be coming from?

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 2:32 PM:

not a clue

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 2:33 PM:

big talk then - if it needs to happen Monday just text or call my cell^{s.22} - I definitely want to be in on that conversation

Witter, Allison AFF:EX 3:01 PM:

Oh right you're flexing on Monday - it may be just fine to push to Tues, I'll talk to Martha

Conversation with Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX

From: Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX <Lindsay.Bisschop@gov.bc.ca>
To: Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX, van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX
Sent: May 12, 2021 5:42:11 PM PDT

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 12:51 PM:

hey Sarah, can you remind me if there is a BN on the BCSFVNP evaluation?

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 12:51 PM:

back from 2018

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 12:53 PM:

I don't believe there was one specifically on that - although it may have been referenced in later ones

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 12:55 PM:

s.13; s.16

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 12:56 PM:

s.13

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 12:58 PM:

ok, Arif would like that summarized in bullets

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 12:58 PM:

along with the arrangement of AFF with AITC

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 12:58 PM:

sent you an email to respond to

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 12:58 PM:

okay

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 12:58 PM:

include the updated tri-ministry objectives as an attachment

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 12:59 PM:

they are already an attachment on the BN

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 12:59 PM:

ok, leave it out then

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 1:00 PM:

add in the resourcing we support as in-kind (1 office and 1 cubicle, IDIR and Adobe Pro, and reimbursement of telephone)

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 1:00 PM:

do you want the evaluation itself attached?

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 1:01 PM:

is it online where we can just send a link?

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 1:01 PM:

probably - I'll check

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 3:20 PM:

hey Sarah, confidentially looks like BCSFVNP got funds for this next year. PO is issuing a media statement and either Arif/Sam are connecting with AITC. s.13; s.17

s.13; s.17

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 3:20 PM:

Great - that is big news

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 3:21 PM:

I feel like this emoji is well suited to this occasion (:)

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 3:22 PM:

yes for sure

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 3:22 PM:

s.13; s.17

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 3:26 PM:

s.13

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 3:27 PM:

anyhow can't share anything now

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 3:27 PM:

PO statement say **The School Fruit and Vegetable Nutrition Program will be funded for the upcoming school year. The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, the Ministry of Education, and the**

Ministry of Health are working together to provide local school meal programs. Further details will be made available in the coming days.

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:20 PM:

Great

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:20 PM:

Remember to send that thing over that you want me to mail

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:20 PM:

I'm probably here until 5ish

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 4:28 PM:

thanks for the reminder

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 4:28 PM:

just sent it

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 4:42 PM:

mailed (goodluck)

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 4:42 PM:

thanks :)

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 4:42 PM:

you're the best

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 5:34 PM:

want to send me Pat's number?

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 5:34 PM:

want to make sure she get an update on the news before she hears it from someone else

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 5:34 PM:

yes

van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX 5:35 PM:

cell .s.22

Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX 5:38 PM:

thanks

Fwd: RUSH: 1196915 BN - BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program funding

From: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>
To: Bisschop, Lindsay AFF:EX <Lindsay.Bisschop@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 12, 2021 9:55:11 PM PDT
Attachments: Cliff 1196915 BC School Fruit Vegetable Nutritional Program 1030 am (PP).docx, 2021 BC Agriculture in the Classroom - BCSFVNP.pdf

In confidence

Arif Lalani | ADM | Agriculture Resource Division | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX" <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 12, 2021 at 1:35:42 PM PDT
To: "Ethier, Tom AFF:EX" <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Lalani, Arif AFF:EX" <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: **Fwd: RUSH: 1196915 BN - BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program funding**

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX" <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 12, 2021 at 1:24:28 PM PDT
To: "Popham, Lana AFF:EX" <Lana.Popham@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX" <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: **FW: RUSH: 1196915 BN - BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program funding**

Hello Minister,
Attached is our ministry's briefing note on the fruit and vegetable nutrition program funding.
-Alex

From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX <Heather.Murray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 12, 2021 11:19 AM
To: van Baarsen, Amanda HLTH:EX <Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca>; MacDonald, Alex HLTH:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX <Holly.Moulton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RUSH: 1196915 BN - BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program funding
Importance: High

Good Morning,

Please find attached an IBN regarding the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program funding.

Thanks, Heather

194712_MIN_IBN_Feed BC Briefing with Premier

From: Anslow, Martha AFF:EX <Martha.Anslow@gov.bc.ca>
To: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX <Elietha.M.Bocskei@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 11, 2021 at 2:56:54 PM Pacific Daylight Time
Attachments: 194712_MIN_IBN_Feed BC Briefing with Premier.docx

Here is the BN that went to the Minister – I believe MLP meeting with EDUC Minister and PO was today.

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Appendix A - Feed BC KMs and Options for K-12

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Cc: Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX <Elietha.M.Bocskei@gov.bc.ca>
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Attachments: Appendix A - Feed BC KMs and Options for K-12.docx
KMs for Minister for meeting with EDUC Minister and PO today

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RE: BCSFVNP BN Update

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Cc: Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX <Elietha.M.Bocskei@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 11, 2021 at 3:06:22 PM Pacific Daylight Time

Thanks Martha

Absolutely – I will keep you in the loop. It is a bit of a tough one to update since nothing has been confirmed by Health yet. Hopefully we will hear back soon.

Sarah

From: Anslow, Martha AFF:EX <Martha.Anslow@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 11, 2021 3:03 PM
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Subject: RE: BCSFVNP BN Update

Just sent you the two docs, Sarah. We haven't heard how the meeting went today but hopefully after the PO meeting where our Min and there Min had already discussed some of this.

It's too bad we didn't combine Feed BC in K-12 and this Program in a BN together, for some reason Mark didn't want to.

We separately sent info to the MO on the current cost of school meals/Community Links but it's in another context (what it would cost to increase BC foods in different sectors) and doesn't have relevance for this issue.

Can you send us the final that goes up from you? It's great to stay connected.

Thanks,
Martha

From: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>
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Cc: Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX <Elietha.M.Bocskei@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BCSFVNP BN Update

Thanks Martha

That would be great.

I hope to get the actual BCSFVNP status update from Health, but would love to tie in some info on the current information on the intended direction on school food.

Sarah

From: Anslow, Martha AFF:EX <Martha.Anslow@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 11, 2021 1:49 PM
To: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX <Elietha.M.Bocskei@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BCSFVNP BN Update

We just did key messages for the Minister for her briefing with the PO and Minister Whiteside – we can send you the eApp if that helps? It has nothing to do with the fruit and veg program, and HLTH will know the status of funding before us, but will send you what we have shortly.

From: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>

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Cc: Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX <Elietha.M.Bocskei@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: BCSFVNP BN Update

Importance: High

Hi Martha and Elietha

It sounds like the BCSFVNP came up in question period today. I reached out to Health to ask for an update (Elietha you were copied on that).

I've been asked to rush update the briefing note as below:

"The BN here notes the funding decision is "not confirmed". But we learned in QP today that, according to the Opp, Health has confirmed no funding....? Can we please get an updated a BN on this including next steps and how Edu's mandate for meals in school may overlap?"

I'm hoping that you might be able to provide some bullets on the current status of discussions with Education about the school food mandate. I have to send it up by tomorrow morning. Would you be able to send me something by the end of the day?

Sarah van Heeswijk | Youth Development Team Lead

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RE: BCSFVNP Update?

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Cc: Freeborn, Kara EDUC:EX <Kara.Freeborn@gov.bc.ca>, Bocskei, Elietha M AFF:EX <Elietha.M.Bocskei@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 11, 2021 at 3:16:16 PM Pacific Daylight Time
Hi Sarah,

Yes, we are aware that this came up in QP today. We've also been asked to provide rush briefing materials on the program to the MO. Nothing new that you wouldn't already be aware of.

Natalie Laframboise, MScFN, RD
Manager, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion

From: van Heeswijk, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.VanHeeswijk@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 11, 2021 1:17 PM
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Subject: BCSFVNP Update?

Hi Natalie

I'm wondering if there are any updates on this from Health? I guess it came up in question period today. I have been assigned a rush status update to our BN.

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