



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

UPDATE TO FOOD & BEVERAGE POLICY S.M.08

“He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.” 2 Corinthians 3:6

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report reviews and proposes revisions to the Food and Beverage for Sale in Schools Policy S.M.08 in order to better align with Ministry of Education policies, and as required by the Policy Review Calendar.

This report recommends the Governance and Policy Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the revised Food and Beverage for Sale in Schools Policy S.M.08.

B. PURPOSE

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee as it recommends policy revisions.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The Food and Beverage Sold in Schools Policy S.M.08 approved in January 2015 requires a review as per the Annual Policy Review calendar.
2. Changes to this policy reflect current practice and alignment with related Ministry of Education policies, i.e. Program Policy 150.
3. This report contains amendments to the Food and Beverage Sold in Schools Policy arising from consultation with staff from Facilities, Communications, Field Superintendents, Materials Management and Legal Services.
4. In addition, this report derives feedback from the Report to Student Achievement Committee meeting on October 2nd 2019 titled “Voices that Challenge 2019 CSLIT”. The report identifies a pillar of priority regarding the need for environmental stewardship, in which “God has called upon us to take care of His creation, to love and nurture planet earth for future generations to enjoy.” The Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team (CSLIT) believes that we can further reduce our carbon footprint by implementing *Meat-Free Fridays* and reducing our overall use of plastic.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The changes made to the policy reflect changes and updates from the Ministry of Education.

2. The additional regulations 6-8 respond to approved motions at the Governance and Policy Committee meeting on October 8th 2019. The motions requested new regulations to address the issues of fair trade coffee, meatless Fridays and minimizing the use of single use plastics.
3. The Environment Committee reviewed the proposed regulations regarding fair trade coffee, meatless Fridays and minimizing the use of single use of plastics, and identified the following issues:
 - a) Legal risks with bring-your-own-cutlery/containers for vendors serving food on bring-your-own containers;
 - b) Students from high socioeconomic needs communities may not be able to afford reusable cutlery/containers;
 - c) School cafeterias may not possess adequate equipment to wash the high volume of cutlery/containers; and
 - d) Vendors contracted for School Events and/or Community Use of Schools activities will be impacted operationally and cost-wise.

E. IMPLEMENTATION

The updated policy as approved will be posted on the TCDSB policy register.

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance and Policy Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the proposed revisions to the Food and Beverage for Sale in Schools Policy S.M.08 provided in Report Appendix A.