

AFL Helping to Feed More Students Seven New TCDSB School Nutrition Programs Open in 2025

At a time when so many in our community are finding it more and more difficult to provide for their families, The Angel Foundation for Learning is excited to confirm the opening of 7 new student nutrition programs in 2025 which will feed an additional 2,389 children.

The high cost of groceries combined with the shift to part-time employment in many sectors has taken its toll on many students and families within the TCDSB. For many children, the snack or meal they are able to enjoy at school is often the only nutritious food they receive during the day.

We all know how important good nutrition is to the development of children and to their ultimate success in school, and it is this recognition by the local government which is the impetus behind the expansion of school food programs across the City of Toronto.

Our thanks goes out to the school administrators, the volunteer nutrition program coordinators and our own SNP team for working together with enthusiasm and creativity to launch these SNPs at Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, Nativity of Our Lord, St Malachy, St Mary of the Angels, St Victor, The Divine Infant and Venerable John Merlini.

“We are so appreciative of the hard work and dedication of everyone involved for their incredible dedication to student health and well-being,” says AFL’s Executive Director John Wujek. “Their passion for ensuring that no child goes hungry is truly heartwarming.”

Some site work, including installation of sinks and food preparation tables and purchasing of fridges and shelving has yet to be accomplished at a few locations in order to more fully implement the programs, however the students in these locations have already started to receive nutritious prepackaged snacks.

AFL is also grateful to the City of Toronto for providing the funding to enable the expansion of SNPs to these schools, and we look forward to learning more about the impact of the additional funding announced on January 28th by Mayor Olivia Chow which will enable the Angel Foundation for Learning to extend these valuable programs to even more TCDSB students.

