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His Worship David Miller  
Mayor of the City of Toronto  
Toronto City Hall  
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Dear Mayor Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the Elementary Teachers of Toronto (ETT) to register our support for the efforts of the Better Day Care Food Network to improve the quality of food being served to children in City of Toronto childcare centres.

Recognizing the importance of good nutrition and the multiple benefits of locally sourced food, we encourage you to develop an appropriate strategy to improve the quality of food and increase the percentage of local food served in municipal childcare centres.

Current funding formulas set for municipal childcare facilities, as well as City of Toronto seniors' residences, may limit existing options for improving food quality by sourcing local food products and purchasing meat and dairy products that are ethically and naturally raised. ETT would endorse and support initiatives by the City of Toronto to increase provincially set per diem allowances, with the goal of improving overall food quality and meeting specific local sourcing targets.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this letter.

Yours truly,



Martin Long  
President

C: City of Toronto Councillors  
Toronto District School Board Trustees  
ETT Members

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