ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPTIONS FOR YOUR BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Additional sources of funding

The Club sends you the food and/or funding needed to provide your school's students with nutritious breakfasts. To **maintain the program's long-term viability and meet certain operational needs**, we also recommend that schools **set aside a supplementary budget** for their breakfast program.

This additional financial support may be used to:

- offer a wider variety of fruits, vegetables, and other fresh, locally sourced foods;
- buy kitchen supplies and accessories;
- maintain and repair equipment;
- deal with unexpected supply-chain or delivery issues;
- introduce eco-friendly initiatives and adopt more sustainable practices;
- honour and recognize breakfast program volunteers;
- support other projects and resources that help your breakfast program grow and succeed;
- and more.

Every contribution, no matter how small, can help make the program more impactful, sustainable and suited to students' needs!

Examples of funding sources

Voluntary contributions from parents



Volunteering time or donating money are some meaningful ways that parents can support the breakfast program.

The school may suggest a nominal financial contribution*, while allowing parents to **contribute according to their means**. Since 1994, the Club has recommended suggesting a voluntary contribution of $45 per year for elementary school students and $75 for high school students.

This practice is already well established in several schools across Quebec. Many parents, even those whose children are not enrolled in the program, are proud to support a school food program that has a positive impact on student success and well-being.

IMPORTANT: A child should never be excluded from the breakfast program because their parents do not contribute.

*Some school service centres do not allow this type of solicitation of parents or guardians. Please make sure to check with your school's administration or board.

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Quebec government – Budget Measure 1390 (formerly Measure 15012)



Budget Measure 1390 – Food Aid is a program supporting students in preschool, elementary school and high school. It aims to provide breakfasts, lunches or snacks to those who need them during their time at school or school daycare, regardless of the socioeconomic environment of the school they attend. **Some schools use this funding or other funds available through their school budget for their breakfast program.**

Click here to view the background document (available in French only).

Donations from local businesses



You can also **reach out to local businesses for food donations or partnerships**. Feel free to ask teachers, administrators, support staff and parents for ideas or suggestions, in case they have any connections who might make great partners for your breakfast program.

Some schools have partnered with local grocers, convenience stores or farms to help them **provide a varied and sustainable array of foods**. Learn about one such example in our blog post The Success Story of Le Tandem School and Fruits et légumes Bono Inc.

Check out our School's Corner for tools and resources to help you run your breakfast program.

Questions? Contact your Club coordinator, who will be happy to help.

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