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Mr. Rob Fowler, Chair
District Education Council
Anglophone South School District
490 Woodward Avenue
Saint John, NB E2K 5N3

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Thank you for your letter and your appreciation of the revisions to *Policy 711 - Healthier School Food Environment*.

Government revised Policy 711 after hearing from schools, students, and parents who expressed concerns about the level of restrictions included in the previous school nutrition policy. These revisions will provide greater flexibility and empower local school communities to make informed decisions about the health and well being of their students. As it relates to fundraising and special events, the revisions will allow school districts and schools to be empowered to organize activities and occasions that respond to the unique needs of the local school community.

I also appreciate receiving a copy of a letter that you received from one PSSC group who extensively laid out the challenges that were facing them with regard to the previous policy. I have shared this information with staff members with the Policy and Planning Division here at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Thank you for the important work you do to support the students in the Anglophone South School District.

Sincerely,



Dominic Cardy
Minister

C. Ms. Zoë Watson, Superintendent, Anglophone South School District

