

APPENDIX 16: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL FOOD AND BEVERAGE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE – SAMPLE

Principals are encouraged to complete the invitation letter below with information relevant to their school and board.

In January 2010, the Ministry of Education announced the School Food and Beverage Policy that will require all schools in Ontario to comply with the policy by September 1, 2011. This policy is an important step in creating a healthier school environment. Providing healthy food and beverages to students can contribute to improved academic and health outcomes.

In order to support the implementation of this new policy, we are inviting parents, volunteers, and community partners to be part of the School Food and Beverage implementation committee. The purpose of this committee will be to:

- *identify what food and beverages are sold in the school*
- *develop a school implement plan*
- *share successful practices for implementation*
- *monitor implementation throughout the year*
- *other [schools can add other areas].*

Our school already has a lot of exciting initiatives related to healthy eating. Some of these activities include: *(include examples of curriculum initiatives, clubs and other resources available in the school).*

If you have ideas to share, we want to hear from you. If you are interested in joining this committee or have any ideas about the implementation of the School Food and Beverage Policy, please contact me at **[insert contact information]**.

Principal's Signature