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## Letter of Endorsement for Peninsula School Feeding Association

To Whom It May Concern

**On behalf of the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) I want to acknowledge the enormous contribution that the Peninsula School Feeding Association (PSFA) has made to education in this province.**

The PSFA is a credible and accountable non-profit organisation, built over 50 years, where good financial controls have assured the continuance of school feeding.

**Since its inception, the PSFA has provided over 5 billion meals to learners. Without their exceptional service, I am sure many of our children would never be able to cope in their schoolwork.**

The PSFA has been the major service provider to the Department of Education's National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) since its inception in 1994. The PSFA provides school feeding to 10,000 learners in 70 schools outside of the NSNP, where the need arises, at a cost of more than R2m.

We are acutely aware that if school feeding were absent, many children would not come to school, therefore, school feeding encourages children to come to school. There is scientific proof that school feeding enhances children's ability to learn.

Because the department does not have the funds to feed all children, we are very appreciative of the PSFA's supplementary efforts by feeding an additional 15,000 children each year, at a cost of more than R3 million each year.

The Department would encourage all companies and individuals in the Western Cape to support the cause of PSFA because, as its motto states: "You can't teach a hungry child".

  
**Cameron Dugmore, MPL  
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