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The mission of OSNPPH is to provide leadership in public health nutrition. It represents its members and promotes their role in improving nutrition and health of people in Ontario

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To the Public Health Agency of Canada

Re: CAHPERD funding proposal for Active Healthy School Communities and Weight of the World projects

To whom it may concern,

I would like to submit this letter of support for the vision and mission of The Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD).

OSNPPH is the independent and official voice of Registered Dietitians in public health in Ontario representing over 150 members working in every Health Unit/Department in the province. Members of OSNPPH work in public health units, public health nutrition education, and research and development. We are specialists in applied human nutrition, are members of the College of Dietitians of Ontario, and focus on health enhancement and disease prevention.

CAHPERD's vision that "all Canadian children and youth living physically active and healthy lives" is crucial to improve the health of our population. Preventing childhood and adolescent obesity is a public health priority in Ontario and one of the most important issues that Registered Dietitians face each day. Some of our projects include developing school nutrition policies related to nutrition and healthy eating in a variety of settings, including schools and recreation centres.

CAHPERD's mission of advocating and educating for "quality daily physical and health education programs within supportive school and community environments" fits well with recent advocacy work of our organization. The OSNPPH Call to Action: Creating a Healthy School Nutrition Environment, has been fundamental in advocating for improving the quality of foods provided in

these settings or offered for fundraising. The Call to Action challenges the provincial government, boards of education, school communities and public health to acknowledge and act on their roles in establishing an environment that is supportive of healthy eating in Ontario schools. Public health continues to advocate for increased physical activity in schools and in the community.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne Oickle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a thin horizontal line.

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