

June 27, 2017

Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America—Domestic Mission Program Unit
Attn: Ms. Johnnie Thompson, Sr. Administrative Assistant
8765 W. Higgins Rd., CSM-9th Floor
Chicago, IL 60631

Dear Ms. Thompson,

I am writing to you on behalf of Spokane Public Schools. I often encounter the effects of hunger and food insecurity among schoolchildren. It is known that children who face hunger and lack proper nutrition suffer from more health issues and are less able to focus in the classroom as a result.

That is why I am writing this letter to show my support for Second Harvest Inland Northwest's Bite2Go program. We at Spokane School Public Schools enthusiastically partner with this exceptionally beneficial program that ensures that so many of our students get proper nutrition during the weekend when they do not have access to their reliable subsidized school meals. Many of our elementary schools are involved in the Bite2Go weekend food program.

It is not uncommon for children to come to school expressing that they do not receive enough to eat at home. Now with the Bite2Go program, weekend help is readily available and can be provided in a discreet manner.

Spokane Public Schools is hopeful that the ELCA will choose to fund Second Harvest's request for a \$3,000 Domestic Hunger Grant. We have personally witnessed the relief this program brings to families and the joy it brings to children to have food for the weekend. We have noticed countless valuable changes in both the focus and attendance of our young students as a result of implementing this program into our school system.

Spokane Public Schools is grateful for the opportunity to have our students benefit from Second Harvest's Bite2Go program. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at [*Contact Information*]

Sincerely,