

As per a request from the Health Promoting Schools Principal Advisory Group, please see below a summary of the attached letter to CCRSB Board Members from Department of Education and Department of Health and Wellness in response to an inquiry, January 13, 2011 seeking clarification related to the extent that a "Fundraiser" may also be permitted as a "Special Function". Please note that during the 2011-12 school year the Departments of Education and Health and Wellness will be undertaking a review and revision of the Food and Nutrition Policy for Nova Scotia Public Schools.

1. "The Question and Answer Guide does not supersede the policy directives and guidelines, and it must not be used in place of the policy."
2. "Fundraising refers to events where money is raised for schools. This includes school-wide fundraisers, as well as fundraisers initiated by parents, parent groups and associations, students and teachers."
3. "Foods of Minimum Nutrition cannot be used for fundraising at anytime."
4. "Any and all fundraising activities using food or beverages will centre on items of Maximum and Moderate Nutrition only."
5. "The Fundraising Directive applies to activities, including those occurring on weekends and off school sites, that generate funds for schools."
6. "Spring Flings can operate as fundraisers if items of Maximum or Moderate Nutrition, or non-food items are used to generate funds for schools."
7. "All members of school communities, including students, parents, staff, and senior staff, elected school board members, volunteers, visitors, and school partner organizations are expected to follow the Directives and Guidelines."

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