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Club Proposal: Tahanto Food Pantry

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To: Rich Cameron <rcameron@bbrsd.org>

Good evening everyone,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak today about something that matters deeply to us—the idea of opening a food pantry right here at Tahanto.

For many people, school is a place of learning, growth, and opportunity. But for some students, it can also be a place where they quietly carry a burden that others don't see—the uncertainty of where their next meal will come from. Hunger doesn't always look the way we expect. It can affect classmates sitting next to us, friends we laugh with, or teammates we practice with every day.

We believe that no student should have to focus on an empty stomach instead of their education.

That's why we feel so strongly about starting a food pantry in our school. This isn't just about providing food, it's about creating a support system. It's about making sure our students feel supported . A school pantry would offer students and families a reliable, private, and judgment-free way to access the essentials they need.

Imagine a space where students can discreetly pick up groceries after school. Imagine the relief for families who are struggling but don't always have access to transportation or local resources. Imagine the message it sends: that at Tahanto, we take care of our own.

And the best part? This is something we can realistically accomplish this year.

With support from administration, staff, and students, we can organize food drives, partner with local organizations, and create a sustainable system run by this club . Even small contributions—one can of food, one hour of time—can add up to something truly meaningful.

This initiative would not only address a real need, but also bring our school community closer together. It gives students a chance to lead, to serve, and to make a direct impact on the lives of others.

We are not just asking for approval—we are asking for belief. Belief that this school can be more than a place of education. It can be a place of care, empathy, and action.

Let's make this happen. Let's make sure that every student at Tahanto has the support they need to succeed—not just academically, but in life.

Thank you.

And then they ask, follow up questions on how it will run they will all receive a sheet on how we have everything running so it stays discreet for the students. I will have those printed out and handed them out to them at the beginning of the meeting!

Sincerely Bailee McNamara

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