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# Memo

To Board of Education  
*[Signature]*  
 From Tony Smith, Ph.D., Superintendent  
 Jennifer LeBarre, Director of Nutrition Services

Board Meeting Date 6-23-10

Subject Resolution No. - 0910- 0289 - Request for Approval of Oakland Unified School District's Sign On to Child Nutrition Reauthorization Resolution In Support of Child Health and Nutrition

**Action Requested** Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 0910 - 0289 - Request for Approval of Oakland Unified School District's Sign On to Child Nutrition Reauthorization Resolution In Support of Child Health and Nutrition

**Background** Since 1946, the Child Nutrition Act has allowed schools to provide nutritious meals to school age students, "as a measure of national security, to safeguard the health and well being of the Nation's children, and to encourage the domestic consumption of nutritious agricultural commodities."

**Discussion** While the purpose is the same, the needs of the Nation's children have changed along with the program's needs. The Nation currently faces an obesity epidemic among our children with increasing demands to the school meal program and increased costs. We believe that the 2010 Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act could be significantly improved, and that it needs to be fully funded in order to improve the nutritional content and quality of the meals provided to students. Large school districts and community organizations across the Nation have signed this resolution to show support for the changes outlined in the document.

Nutrition Services operates the National School Lunch Program at 104 K-12 schools and one (1) charter school. Additionally, Nutrition Services operated the Child and Adult Care Food Program at 30 Child Development Centers.

**Fiscal Impact** No fiscal impact

**Recommendation** Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 0910-0289 - Request for Approval of Oakland Unified School District's Sign On to Child Nutrition Reauthorization Resolution In Support of Child Health and Nutrition

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE  
OAKALND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION No. 0910-0289**

**In Support of Child Health and Nutrition**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District of Alameda County, provides regular access to healthy and affordable meals which has proven to be one of the strongest predictors of improved school performance and helps combat obesity and childhood hunger; and

**WHEREAS**, urban school districts have led the way in developing healthy meal choices for kids, including through efforts to serve the most healthful food possible and where possible, increase the supply of nutritious, local and regionally grown foods in school cafeterias; and

**WHEREAS**, students consume a larger percentage of fruits and vegetables—more than forty (40%), through school food than any other food group in their diets; and

**WHEREAS**, a direct connection between school food and agriculture can provide new and vital economic-development opportunities for small businesses, reduce transport costs, wastage, and the 'carbon footprint' of school food programs; and

**WHEREAS**, a good healthy well supported school lunch program can address a number of pressing issues, including environmental, nutritional and economic concerns, as well as the needs of small and midsize farmers; and

**WHEREAS**, school lunches are significantly less costly than caloric-equivalent lunches from home [the average price for a school lunch for 2008-09 school year is \$2.08, while the average cost of lunches prepared at home is \$3.80], school lunches play a role in hunger prevention that is both critical to child health, and cost-effective; and

**WHEREAS**, the Child Nutrition Reauthorization currently being considered by Congress is our best current opportunity to provide much needed support to address these issues,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oakland Unified School District joins the undersigned large school districts, local authorities and allied organizations in urging Congress to pass a Child Nutrition Reauthorization that includes at least 1 billion dollars annually in new funding—an investment that will enable school nutrition programs to meet their goal of providing more nutritious, balanced meals to more children; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Oakland Unified School District also joins the undersigned in noting the substantial technical challenges associated with scaling up the use of fresh local foods in school cafeterias, and toward that end, support mandatory funding for a Farm to School Grant Program which could provide technical assistance to develop best practices on product sourcing, bid specifications, and menu planning, as well as support for evaluation of pilot programs, in collaboration with USDA's Food and Nutrition Service.

School Districts

Baltimore City Public Schools (MD)  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (NC)  
Dallas Independent School District  
Denver Public Schools (CO)  
Detroit Public Schools District, Office of Food Services  
(MI) Douglas County Public Schools (CO)  
JeffCo School District (CO)  
Milwaukee Public Schools (WI)  
San Diego Unified School District (CA)  
School District of Philadelphia (PA)

Local and National Allies

Advocates for Health in Action (NC)  
Community Alliance with Family  
Farmers (CA) Community Food Security  
Coalition (National) DC Farm to School  
Network  
Ecotrust (OR)  
Fair Food (PA)  
Georgia Organics  
Growing Power (WI)  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
(MN) Service Employees International  
Union (National) Slow Food Denver (CO)  
Slow Food USA (National)  
US Conference of Mayors (National)

Passed by the following vote:

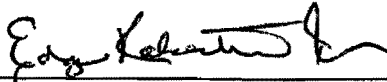
AYES: Jody London, David Kakishiba, Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo,  
Alice Spearman and Vice President Christopher Dobbins

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: President Gary Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District at a Regular Meeting held June 23, 2010.



Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.  
Secretary  
Board of Education

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