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# Memo

**To** Board of Education

**From** Antwan Wilson, Superintendent and Secretary, Board of Education  
Mia Settles-Tidwel, Chief Operations Officer  
Jennifer LeBarre, Executive Director of Nutrition Services

**Board Meeting Date** October 8, 2014

**Subject** Request for Adoption of Resolution No. 1415-0081, Declaring The Month of October, 2014 As Farm To School Month And Supporting School-Based Programs To Connect Students And Families To The Local Food System

**Action Requested** Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1415-0081

**Background** Oakland Unified School District Nutrition Services is a national leader in farm to school programs, purchasing 50-80% of its produce from within a 250 mile radius of Oakland and over 30% of non-produce purchases from California companies. OUSD Nutrition Services has committed to expanding local purchases and farm to school programs through innovative programs such as California Thursdays and the Oakland Fresh School Produce Markets, as well as partnerships with other local school districts and non-profits. October 2014 is National Farm to School Month, and also marks the beginning of weekly California Thursday's menus here in Oakland.

**Discussion** Resolution No. 1415-0081 will declare the month of October as National Farm to School Month in Oakland Unified School District. Additionally, the Resolution declares OUSD Board encouragement for further development of and support for farm to school programs that connect students and families to the local food system.

**Recommendation** Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1415-0081, Declaring The Month of October, 2014 As Farm To School Month And Supporting School-Based Programs To Connect Students And Families To The Local Food System

**Fiscal Impact** None

**Attachments** Resolution No. 1415-0081



OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Community Schools, Thriving Students*

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 1415-0081**

**DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2014 AS FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH AND SUPPORTING SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS TO CONNECT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO THE LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Unified School District adopted its effort to create a Full-Service Community School District in 2011.

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Unified School District serves a diverse student body with significant needs in the areas of access to healthy food, weight management, physical fitness, and access to health care and social services.

**WHEREAS**, Food security and access to healthy nutrition is essential to academic success for students.

**WHEREAS**, Overweight children and adults are at a greater risk for numerous adverse health consequences including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, certain cancers, asthma, and depression.<sup>i</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Eating more fresh fruits and vegetables helps reduce the risk of obesity, stroke, diabetes, and other chronic diseases.<sup>ii</sup>

**WHEREAS**, California is a leading agricultural producer of fruit, vegetable, tree nut, meat, and dairy crops<sup>iii</sup> and purchasing from local producers supports the local economy and creates positive community relationships.

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Unified Department of Nutrition Services is a national leader in school nutrition and wellness reforms, as a key contributor to The Center for Ecoliteracy's Rethinking School Lunch Initiative, School Food FOCUS's National Procurement Initiative, and other projects targeted at improving meal quality and supporting ethical procurement practices.

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Unified School District's Farm to School Plan was created in partnership with The Community Alliance with Family Farmers during the 2009-10 school year, setting forth the following goals and definitions:

- a) "Local" is defined as within a 250 mile radius of Oakland, CA.
- b) Produce purchased from distributor will be labeled with farm name and location.
- c) Implementation of Farm to School education programs in schools.
- d) Geographic preference included in produce bid language.
- e) Increased purchase of produce that is local, sustainable, organic, pesticide free, and sourced from small and medium-sized family farms.

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Unified Department of Nutrition Services currently purchases 50-80% of its produce from within a 250 mile radius of Oakland depending on the season; purchases over 30% of non-produce purchases from California companies; operates salad bars in over 70% of schools; administers the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program; and oversees the Harvest of the Month Nutrition Education Program in partnership with the Wellness Department and Alameda County Department of Public Health.

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Unified Department of Nutrition Services adopted the Oakland Fresh network of school produce markets in 2012, selling fresh, mainly local and pesticide free fruits and vegetables in communities with limited access to fresh healthy food across the District.

**WHEREAS**, The Oakland Unified School District school garden program offers urban students access to nature and healthy foods, an understanding of food systems and the natural cycle, hands-on learning opportunities, self-reliance and character building opportunities, as well as connection to the local community.

**WHEREAS,** Oakland Unified Department of Nutrition Services, in partnership with the Center for Ecoliteracy, developed California Thursdays to highlight scratch-cooked school lunches sourced entirely from within the state of California, expand professional development opportunities for Nutrition Services staff, and increase the purchase of locally produced proteins, dairy, and grains.

**WHEREAS,** Oakland voters passed the Measure J School Bond by an overwhelming majority (84%) in November 2012, and \$44 million of Measure J funds are earmarked for OUSD food system infrastructure improvements including a new central kitchen and 1.5 acre district farm.

**WHEREAS,** October is National Farm to School Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education declares the month of October, 2014 as National Farm to School Month in the District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board encourages the further development of and declares its support for farm to school programs that connect students and families to local the local food system through increased access to local foods via the school meal program, grant programs, and the Oakland Fresh School Produce Market program, as well as educational opportunities including nutrition and garden programs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education the Oakland Unified School District, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Jody London, Christopher Dobbins, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Vice President James Harris, President David Kakishiba

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** Anne Campbell Washington, Roseann Torres

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Antwan Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved and adopted by the Board of Education of said District at a meeting thereof held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, with a copy of such Resolution being on file in the Office of the Board of Education of said District.



Antwan Wilson, Superintendent and Secretary,  
Board of Education

<sup>i</sup> US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Surgeon General. The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity. Rockville: US Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Office of the Surgeon General, 2001. Available at: [http://sugeongeneral.gov/topics/obesity/calltoaction/fact\\_adolescents.htm](http://sugeongeneral.gov/topics/obesity/calltoaction/fact_adolescents.htm)

<sup>ii</sup> Healthy Eating Research. Bringing Healthy Foods Home: Examining Inequities in Access to Food Stores. A Research Brief. July 2008; United States General Accounting Office 2002 (02-657). Fruits and vegetables: Enhanced efforts to increase consumption could yield health benefits for Americans.

<sup>iii</sup> California Department of Food and Agriculture. "California Agricultural Production Statistics." More information is available at: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/statistics/>

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