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Memo

To Board of Education

From Antwan Wilson, Superintendent
Vernon Hal, Senior Business Officer
Jennifer Le Barre, Executive Director

Board Meeting Date November 30, 2016

Subject The Good Food Purchasing Program

Action Requested Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution 1617-0079 in support of the Good Food Purchasing Program.

Background None

Discussion None

Recommendation Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution 1617-0079 in support of the Good Food Purchasing Program

Attachments Resolution 1617-0079

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1617-0079**

**Oakland Unified School District
District Commitment - Good Food Purchasing Policy/Program**

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District (“OUSD” or “District”) procures over \$8 million annually in food and serves over 40,000 meals per day and almost 7 million meals annually;

WHEREAS, the purchasing of good food is a vital component to providing the nutritional needs of all children in the District, where more than 70% of students qualify for federal and state meal benefits through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the After School Snack and Supper Program, and the Summer Food Service Program;

WHEREAS, the District has made continued improvements to school menus to increase fresh and local foods, increase produce, and decrease processed foods served to students. As part of Oakland’s Farm to School Initiative, launched in partnership with the Community Alliance with Family Farmers in 2008, the District incorporated a geographic preference into its produce solicitations and currently sources between 40 and 80 percent of fresh produce locally, depending on the season;

WHEREAS, the District partnered with the Center for Ecoliteracy to conduct the Rethinking School Lunch Oakland (“RSLO”) Feasibility Study in 2010 to establish a comprehensive framework for District-wide nutrition services reform to address health, environmental and social issues. As a result of RSLO’s recommendations for facilities improvement, an overwhelming majority (84%) of Oakland voters passed the Measure J Bond in 2012. Measure J is funding the construction of a 32,500 square foot central kitchen, urban farm, and education center in West Oakland, which will be the hub of OUSD’s healthy food system;

WHEREAS, the District, in partnership with The Center for Ecoliteracy, piloted and developed the California Thursdays farm to school program in 2013, which has now expanded to over 50 school districts statewide to increase local procurement in school meal programs. The District currently procures approximately 30% of all food items locally and has more than doubled humane and sustainable purchases as a result of implementing California Thursdays;

WHEREAS, in practicing good food procurement methods, the District can support a regional food system that is ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially responsible. Thoughtful purchasing practices can impact the creation and availability of a local, sustainable good food system both regionally and nationally. In turn, the District has partnered with other school districts via the School Food FOCUS and California Farm to School networks to

exchange best practices for implementing and supporting good food policies, local procurement, and sound environmental standards;

WHEREAS, the OUSD Board of Education adopted the Wellness Policy (BP 5030) in 2014, which meets and exceeds the provisions of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) of 2010 and provides schools with a framework to promote health and wellness for all students;

WHEREAS, the OUSD Board of Education adopted the Farm to School Resolution (Enactment No. 1415-0081) in 2014 to declare its support for school-based programs that connect students and families to the local food system;

WHEREAS, good food is defined as food that is healthy, local, sustainable, humane, and fair. These foods meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the United States Department of Agriculture's menu pattern requirements for school meals as defined by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act ("HHFKA"); provide freedom from chronic ailment; and are delicious and safe. All participants in the food supply chain receive fair compensation, fair treatment, and are free of exploitation. Good food is available to purchase for all income levels. High quality food is equitable and physically and culturally accessible to all. Food is produced, processed, distributed, and recycled locally using the principles of environmental stewardship (in terms of water, soil, and pesticide management);

WHEREAS, the District has partnered with the Center for Good Food Purchasing since 2014 to evaluate its procurement based on the criteria set forth in the Good Food Purchasing Standards and was awarded a three-star rating (out of a possible five stars) by the Center for Good Food Purchasing for its food procurement in the 2014-15 school year; and

WHEREAS, good food procurement refers to the sourcing and purchasing of food to supply District Nutrition Services operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District commits to good food procurement to improve our region's food system through the creation, adoption, and implementation of the Good Food Purchasing Policy/Program.

Passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held November 30, 2016.

Antwan Wilson
Secretary, Board of Education