DC Greens is a local non-profit that uses the levers of food education, access and policy to advance food justice in DC. We support DCPS Food and Nutrition Services to conduct outreach, convene and curate School Food Advisory Board (SFAB) meetings. We are your best point of contact if you ever have questions, want to provide direct feedback or suggestions about your school’s meal programs or want more information on school food and how to get involved.

DC Greens’ 2018-19 School Year Plan:

- **We will continue to collect feedback on an ongoing basis through online surveys, individual meetings as well as SFAB gatherings. We will work to ensure that meeting agendas reflect what you, the School Food Advisory Board, want to cover.** While we hope that you all will continue to join us for quarterly meetings, we understand that this is not always possible and invite you to fill out the survey on our SFAB website or email me or David directly with your feedback and suggestions. We will continue to respond to every single email or information request and, when necessary, connect you to the appropriate party to respond.

- **We will launch a School Food Advocacy Google Group.** This is a result of numerous conversations with SFAB members - including DCPS parents, caregivers, school staff, community partners and students - who are interested in building healthier school environments through policy, advocacy and school-based implementation of existing rules/regs. The purpose of the listserv is to create a platform where SFAB members and others from the DCPS school community can more easily communicate, share ideas or organize around particular issues areas related to school food. Topics that might be covered include setting up school wellness committees, implementing share tables, advocating for sustainable procurement policies, supporting food education in the classroom and cafeteria, and more. DC Greens will work to manage the listserv and ensure that participants have access to existing resources, information and contacts for issues as they arise.

- **We will continue to conduct weekly lunch visits at DCPS schools across the city to grow our firsthand knowledge of issues and opportunities within DCPS’ school meal programs.**

- **We will continue to convene the DC Good Food Purchasing Program Coalition on a bi-monthly basis.** The GFPP is a tool for institutions to build more transparency in their food purchasing and to improve current practices based on 5 standards-based value categories: Healthy, Local, Fair, Sustainable and Humane. Our current DC Coalition meets on a bi-monthly basis and consists of parents, non-profit partners, procurement experts, food service management companies, some city agency representatives, farmers, and others. We work to support DCPS FNS in adopting and implementing the program and are beginning to look into other institutions that might adopt the program, different policies that GFPP might support or fit into, as well as research needs related to GFPP implementation. To learn more please sign up at our GFPP table!

- **We will work to build new partnerships with local organizations to support the advancement of SFAB priorities.** Sometimes we can more effectively and efficiently tackle problems with the support of outside partners. There are many organizations across the city that care about health and wellness in schools and want to share time and resources to make DCPS FNS’s school food dreams a reality!