DCPS FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES (FNS) SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019 GOALS

In response to feedback received from School Food Advisory Board meetings from School Year 2017-2018, DCPS FNS is pleased to share some of our goals for the upcoming school year:

- We will continually evaluate ways to improve the cafeteria environment:
  - Complete interventions with American University to measure what changes are effective in: increasing consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables and increasing cafeteria line efficiency to allow students more time to eat.
- Invest in new and existing partnerships that contribute to our child nutrition meal programs.
- Refine and improve the menu based on data collected from: student surveys, administrative surveys, and SFAB feedback.
- Increase number of students being served by our meal program by getting them excited about our meals and food choices!
  - Emphasis on breakfast by including new menu items and using alternate breakfast service models.
- DCPS FNS is committed to better sourcing practices in acquiring the foods we serve. In this spirit, DCPS FNS is in the first phase of the Good Food Purchasing Program, a framework for institutions to understand their current procurement and improve it based on 5 value categories: Healthy, Fair, Sustainable, Humane and Local. In this first phase, we are undergoing a baseline assessment with our vendors to better understand areas of improvement for procurement.
- Expanding the Food & Nutrition Services team to ensure continued compliance with state and local regulations, to include: nutrition compliance, ensuring that each student who receives a meal is counted, and strong food safety practices, all while remaining fiscally responsible.