School Food Advisory Board Talking Points

SFAB overview

- The School Food Advisory Board provides a collaborative space for DCPS Food and Nutrition Services leadership and their food service providers to share updates and receive feedback from their school community
- The goal is to build a stronger meal program and ensure that our students get to class nourished and ready to learn
- Every meeting is attended by the DCPS Food Service Director and the rest of the Food Services team, as well as leadership from Sodexo and DC Central Kitchen
- The board meets four times per year, and meetings are open to the public

Upcoming Meeting Details

- **Date:** Wednesday, January 30th
- **Time:** 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Ron Brown HS - 4800 Meade St NE
  - 5 minute walk from Deanwood Metro on Orange line, street parking available
- **Topic and structure:** This meeting will focus on nutrition and compliance
  - It will begin with a dinner and networking portion, followed by updates from DCPS, DC Central Kitchen, and Sodexo, and the rest of the meeting will be small group discussions on issues related to nutrition and compliance
- **RSVP details:**
  - If you are able to collect names and email addresses of people who are interested in learning more, I can send them information and an RSVP link
  - They can also rsvp on our website (on the flyers):
    https://www.dcgreens.org/school-food-advisory-board/
  - We prefer that people RSVP online, but is not required
- **Other details**
  - Dinner will be provided
  - Children are welcome to attend meetings

Wins so far

- **DCPS / general**
  - DCPS adopted Good Food Purchasing Program, which will help them improve their food procurement practices to make meals healthier, more local, and more sustainable
  - DCPS partnered with American University to conduct a study on how to improve cafeteria environments to increase student consumption
  - DCPS Streamlined their dietary accommodation forms to make it easier for parents to request accommodations for their students
  - DCPS and DC Greens launched a School Food Advocacy Listserv for parents to share resources and opportunities for school food advocacy at the individual school and district level
- **Sodexo**
- Added five new vegetarian and vegan entrees
- Planning to expand the number of salad bars in schools as well as the variety of salad bar offerings by Spring 2010
- Increasing number of student taste tests
- Continuing to spend minimum of 40% of food budget on local sources

- DCCK
  - Increasing plant-based options
  - New menu option in High Schools: Fusion bar - culturally relevant made-to-order bowls inspired by fast casual restaurants
  - Continuing to serve minimum of 45% local foods