



NOVEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

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ACTION ALERT - Restore Healthy Schools Act funding!

Mayor Fenty has proposed to eliminate funding for the Healthy Schools Act, and delay its implementation indefinitely. Call [your Councilmember](#) **TODAY** (Monday Dec. 6th) between 2:00 and 4:00 PM and tell him or her to keep the Healthy Schools Act in the FY2011 budget. Also, encourage the Council to take a balanced approach to closing the budget gap that includes raising revenues to avoid some of the most difficult cuts. Learn more about the Act [HERE](#)

December 9, 2010 - Healthy Schools Implementation Hearing

Tell the Council what you think about how the Healthy Schools Act has been implemented at your school! Does everyone know about it? What is working? What's not? If you are interested in testifying, contact Ms. Aukima Benjamin at 724-8062 or abenjamin@dccouncil.us. The hearing will be televised live on Channel 13, streamed live online at <http://dccouncil.us>, and available later for on-demand viewing. The hearing will be at 10:30AM on December 9th in room 500 of the Wilson Building (1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW).

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (Child Nutrition Reauthorization) Passes!

On Dec. 2, 2010, the House of Representatives passed CNR, sending the bill to the President's desk. The Act increases funding for school meals, provides grants for farm to school programs, and paves the way for heightened nutrition standards for school meals. More info [HERE](#).

Thank You, Ripple Restaurant!

A huge thanks to Ripple in Cleveland Park for providing us with a delicious variety of local delicacies and a beautiful space for our D.C. Farm to School Week Thank You event earlier this month. We celebrated volunteers and the many successes of D.C. Farm to School Week 2010. Thank you Danny Fisher and all our friends at Ripple for your hospitality!

E.W. Stokes Praised for its Food Service and School Wellness Program

The Washington Post highlights the achievements of E.W. Stokes Public Charter School and Lisa Dobbs, Food Service Director, in implementing a healthy school food program that features a fresh salad bar, local foods, and a school garden. Read the story [HERE](#).



Two D.C. Schools Receive United Fresh Salad Bars

As part of their “A Salad Bar in Every School” campaign, United Fresh Foundation just donated salad bars to two public schools in D.C., bringing their total to 50 salad bars in 10 states this year. Read the story in Food Safety News [HERE](#).

October Named Farm to School Month

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution introduced by U.S. Rep Rush Holt (NJ-12) establishing October as National Farm to School Month. The resolution seen [HERE](#) highlights the benefits of Farm to School programs and encourages schools and education agencies to use local produce during the month of October.

December 8, 2010 - USDA discussion on food sector monopoly control

Since March, USDA and DOJ have been holding a series of workshops to determine whether a handful of food and farming companies may be exercising illegal monopoly control over the food system. The last of the series will be held on December 8th in D.C. More information [HERE](#)

December 30, 2010 - Recipes for Healthy Kids Challenge due

As part of the First Lady’s Let’s Move! campaign, the USDA is offering cash prizes for winning student teams who submit original recipes that meet the whole grain foods, dark green and/or orange vegetables, and dry beans and peas (legumes) nutrition requirements for school meals. To learn more go [HERE](#) and be sure to submit your recipe by December 30!

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

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