

Resolution 2223R-013

Establishment of the Food Justice Task Force

By Directors Leonard and Siemsen

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Public Schools serves a diverse population with varied cultural, religious, and dietary needs; and

WHEREAS, Seventy-five percent of MPS students are economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, MPS is responsible for ensuring that students receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch; and

WHEREAS, Through its adoption of Resolution 2223R-001, the Board upheld several policies that relate to students taking responsibility for their education, specifically

- Administrative Policy 7.19, Student-Initiated Student Groups;
- Administrative Policy 7.20, Student Publications;
- Administrative Policy 8.18, Student Involvement in Decision Making;
- Administrative Policy 8.04, Student Desegregation; and

WHEREAS, Student involvement in decision making should include student involvement in the development of lunch and breakfast programs that are not only nutritious, but meet the diverse needs of the student body; and

WHEREAS, While the district has made great progress in improving its nutrition program, there is still much work to be done and students should be empowered to be part of that work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Milwaukee Board of School Directors hereby establishes the Food Justice Task Force for the purpose of making recommendations on the MPS Nutrition Program to the Board for possible implementation; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That membership on the Task Force include students from MPS schools, representation from the Board, the Milwaukee Teachers Education Association, youth groups including Youth Empowered in the Struggle (YES), and the Administration; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the charge of the Food Justice Task Force is to define the challenges that are impeding the district's goals for its nutrition program and to develop a plan for possible implementation; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Task Force discussion and reporting include:

- Defining a "full production kitchen" and making recommendations for the expansion of such kitchens in our schools;
- Determining staffing needs and opportunities for attracting and retaining kitchen staff;
- Making recommendations for professional development opportunities for food service workers to learn about the various dietary needs of the student populations they serve;
- Recommending specific improvements to the quality and delivery of food to students;

- Determining how use of local food sources could be maximized;
- Recommendations for menu options that meet the dietary needs of our diverse student population

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Food Justice Task Force report on its work on a bimonthly basis (every other month), with the first report to be given in February 2023.

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