

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

SCHOOL SAFETY, STUDENT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 8, 2009

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The meeting convened at 10:17 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Chair Julie Korenstein made brief introductory remarks and announced the first item to be discussed.

PROTECTION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL DISTRICT STUDENTS RESOLUTION

Chair Korenstein introduced the Protection of Health and Safety of All District Students Resolution; which requires that all new facilities for charter schools, as part of the charter petition approval and renewal process, undergo environmental review consistent with the established District procedures for school sites, and implement any necessary remediation or mitigation measures prior to school occupancy. The Committee reviewed and edited the resolution, and it will be presented to the Committee of the Whole in the near future.

OBESITY PREVENTION RESOLUTION - SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT

Mr. Dennis Barrett, Director, Food Services Division, briefly discussed this item and introduced Mr. David Binkle, Deputy Director, Food Services. Mr. Binkle provided an update of the Obesity Prevention Resolution. He included a brief background and history, challenges and accomplishments, and recommendations. Mr. Binkle introduced Ms. Soniya Perl, Sr. Nutrition Specialist, and Mr. Chad Fenwick, Advisor, Physical Education. Mr. Fenwick talked about the positive impact of the implementation of this resolution in reference to the connection of healthy eating and physical activity to increase students' achievement. Ms. Perl discussed the Use of Irradiated Foods Board Resolution; which prohibits the use of irradiated food products in the District's Food Services lunch, breakfast and snack programs at all school sites. The recommendations presented by Ms. Perl included continue monitoring

food irradiation, and review this policy within five years to reassess the health concerns that exist around consumption of irradiated foods.

Mr. Binkle noted that his Division is successfully addressing the issues listed in the resolution. He indicated that students' participation in the District Food Services Program has increased approximately 5% over last year's. In addition, he stated that his office has:

- Established specific nutrient standards and portion sizes outside the Federal School Meal Program.
- Increased awareness of nutrition importance in meals served within the District, and provided an environment in which students can make healthful food choices.
- Focused on increasing meal participation including use of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Connected importance of healthy eating and physical activity to increased student achievement.
- Provided a daily vegetarian option to students, increased the variety, visibility, and accessibility of fresh fruit and vegetables at school sites.
- Created a successful Cafeteria Improvement Committee with ongoing collaboration; and
- Have met or exceeded all nutrient requirements in menus.

Mr. Binkle highlighted the challenges and asked for the Committee's and the Board's support. Some of the challenges include lack of compliance and enforcement with competitive foods, fundraising activities, vending and student body sales; inadequate time to eat; inadequate onsite school supervision; the need for second chance breakfast time; and District wide nutrition education programs. Mr. Binkle presented recommendations; such as, enforce access to meals; review necessary meal periods; do not allow competitive food sales; restrict food related fundraising opportunities; and mandate nutrition education in the classroom curriculum. Mr. Binkle noted that the Café Improvement Committee is very successful. He invited Mr. Matt Sharp and Ms. Elizabeth Medrano, members of the Committee, to share their experiences.

Mr. Barrett and Mr. Binkle responded to questions and concerns from Committee Members. Committee Members acknowledged the diligent work done by the Food Services Division. In addition, the Committee had an in-depth discussion on this item. Some of their concerns include ways to enforce the implementation of this resolution and its policies throughout the District; alternative fund-raising mechanisms; and how to prevent schools from selling junk food.

Board Member Canter requested a list of schools that are not following the Resolution policies.

In response to a question by Chair Korenstein regarding whether Charter Schools and Innovations schools are exempt or not from following this policy, Mr. Binkle stated that all Innovation schools are required to follow this policy. Charter schools are required to follow the same policies if they are reimbursed from the State. *Chair Korenstein requested a report of Charter schools not following the policy.*

Chair Korenstein asked for recommendations to prevent schools from selling junk food; and asked to provide a list of schools not following the policy.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
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AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks Julie Korenstein 5 min.
2. Resolution re: "Protection of Health & Safety of All District Students" Pat Schanen, Deputy Director 10 min.
Office of Environmental Health & Safety
3. Obesity Prevention Semi-Annual Update Report Dennis Barrett, Director of Food Services 60 min.
David Binkle, Deputy Director
Soniya Perl, Senior Nutrition Specialist
 - Progress of the Resolution
 - Relation of Physical Activities of the Resolution
 - Equal Access to Resolution Opportunities
 - Recommendations of Amendments to the Resolution
4. Speakers – Persons who wish to address this Committee may sign-up at the meeting.
5. Adjournment

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