

## **FOOD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT 6/10/2021**

This subcommittee collected evidence about food distribution and some photos from different schools and how these foods were not labeled and up to this time there was no specific information. On May 3, 2021, we met with LAUSD's Food Services Department

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We met with LAUSD's School Food Department to discuss issues that concern us parents based on lack of nutrition in our children's food. They gave us a demonstration or presentation, explaining how they choose food for our children. They told us they do taste test with a number of students and a few parents to try out the flavors of the food. With approximately 10 students and 3 parents and are approved, plus there needs to be a balance in sodium and vegetables.

They also distribute vegan foods. They explained to us that there is a process and forms to fill out for students who have a special diet assigned, but must be authorized by their doctor, that includes 504 plans. The nurse is responsible in conjunction with the cafeteria manager.

They said that food is regulated by nutrition specialists and supposedly meets the limits of sugar, calories, nitrites, artificial colors. They also spoke about the expansion of local fresh food products, but it was limited by the pandemic.

At this time there is no ID or PIN number needed to provide food to the students, they must comply with the U.S. Department of Agriculture standards as well as the menu and food safety regulations and that the personnel must be certified in food safety.

Flours must be made of whole grains and all LAUSD-approved companies supposedly comply with those regulations. In addition, the cafeteria is inspected by the county health inspection department 2 times a year. The temperature of the food must also be regulated. They shared the student allergy form.

Because of the pandemic both students and employees can take the remaining food and there is no restriction until now.

**OBSERVATIONS:**

1. The allergy or food diet form to be included in conjunction with the enrollment package, so that there is a way to make parents aware of the nutrition bar as certain food packages are not included.
2. We proposed that food be cooked on the campus of each school and that at this time if a student accidentally drops his or her meal, it should be replaced.
3. When a student becomes sick from food, the nurse, director, and cafeteria coordinator should be notified.
4. It is important to have staff trained and supervising students who bring different foods so that they do not isolate him or her from other students and do not feel excluded.

**FOLLOW-UP AND RESOLUTIONS {MOTION}:**

This temporary subcommittee asks the membership to be permanent in order to be able to do follow up, until a significant change in the nutrition of LAUSD students is achieved.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

We have noticed that discussions with LAUSD's food department have had an impact, as this issue has been referenced in other local committees such as LCAP. In addition, the food office has no significant contact with schools.

Sincerely:

**DELAC-LAUSD Food Subcommittee**