

Dr. Vladovic – Healthy Students, Healthy Families, and Healthy Communities
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Whereas, During these hard economic times the Los Angeles Unified School District must make every effort to eliminate and reduce waste;

Whereas, Methods need to be implemented that monitor what students are and are not eating, and how much, in order to plan menus and portions accordingly and help reduce waste while providing a balanced nutritional meal;

Whereas, The federal Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (Food Donation Act) allows for the donation of food, as long as it is not potentially hazardous and distributed in a manner consistent with the California Health and Safety Code;

Whereas, The District is able, under the Food Donation Act, to donate food in good faith to a nonprofit organization for distribution to needy individuals;

Whereas, The District is able, according to relevant federal and state statutes, to donate packaged foods that have not been served to students, as those foods likely satisfy the requirements of the Food Donation Act;

Whereas, The District may, under Health and Safety Code 114079, donate food served to students that is uneaten if it can be transferred to non-profits consistent with the requirements set forth in the Code's subdivisions;

Whereas, The District is invested in protecting children, families, and the community from the harmful effects of hunger; and

Whereas, The District strives to bring awareness to hunger in Los Angeles, and takes every opportunity to make changes in our community, especially during these hard economic times; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District supports the children, families, and community of Los Angeles, and shall direct the Office of the Superintendent to identify and partner with outside organizations and non-profits that will deliver the leftover, food not usable by schools to those in need at no cost to the District. Furthermore, the Superintendent and staff will develop methods to monitor the sources that contribute to waste and plan menus and portions accordingly.