

San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education Approves New Meal Contract Award to Revolution Foods

Under new contract more than 55,000 students at 114 schools across the district will have access to fresher school meal options.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17, 2012 – San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) received board approval this evening to award Oakland-based Revolution Foods a new contract that will provide healthy school meals for 114 schools starting January 7, 2013 – the first day of the second semester. Under the new approximately \$9M annual contract more than 55,000 students will have access to healthier school meal options that meet or exceed USDA nutrition requirements fueling academic excellence by providing safe, nutritious meals and promoting student wellness.

“To strengthen academic performance we must not only promote good eating habits, but provide students with access to high quality, nutritious meals that support their well-being and academic performance,” said Superintendent of Schools Richard A. Carranza, following tonight’s vote. “We’re excited to work with Revolution Foods to serve fresh, nutritious meals that will appeal to the diverse community of students we serve.”

Revolution Foods has partnered with schools and districts since 2005 to create high quality, delicious, National School Lunch program compliant-meals that work for their community of students. An estimated 190,000 meals are prepared fresh and served daily by Revolution Foods in over 850 lunchrooms across the country.

“We’re excited to partner with San Francisco Unified School District to provide healthier school meals to their diverse population of students in the state’s eighth largest school district,” said Kristin Groos Richmond, CEO of Revolution Foods “When children receive higher quality, more nutritious meals at school, they are more attentive, the ability to retain information increases, and overall academic performance improves. We’re thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with students in San Francisco schools to receive kid-designed, healthy and delicious school meals so they can build healthy bodies and minds.”

Selecting Revolution Foods was a natural evolution in SFUSD’s commitment to encouraging better health and wellness in its students.

In 2009 the Board passed the *Feeding Every Hungry Child* resolution, an initiative that looked to ensure no child be denied a meal because of inability to pay. Prior in 2003, the SFUSD’s *Student Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy* measure was passed to remove high-calorie, low-nutrient food and beverages from a la carte offerings and school vending machines.

The decision to award Revolution Foods with the new 18-month contract was passed unanimously by the six board members present for the special meeting.

About Revolution Foods

Revolution Foods is igniting a healthy food revolution and believes that all children deserve access to healthy, wholesome food. They have revolutionized the school lunch line by providing healthy, affordable and fresh meals to nearly 200,000, K-12 students every day and have served over 50 million meals, to date.

Founded in 2006, Revolution Foods serves fresh and healthy breakfast, lunch, snack, and supper meals to students in over 850 education programs nationwide, where two-thirds of these children are in low-income households. Their meals are home-style and based on real food ingredients like whole grains and fresh fruits and vegetables. They never use high fructose corn syrup, artificial trans fats, preservatives or anything artificial.

Revolution Foods is committed to making an impact by providing healthy meals and offering nutrition education programs designed to encourage healthier eating decisions. Their high food standards, food and school partners, and nearly 1,000 community hired employees, are all helping Revolution Foods lead the charge against the national childhood obesity crisis. To learn more, visit: www.revolutionfoods.com

About San Francisco Unified School District's Student Nutrition Services Department

SFUSD's Student Nutrition Services (SNS) department operates the largest public food service program in San Francisco, serving 33,000 meals and snacks each day (5,500 breakfasts, 21,500 lunches, and 6,000 snacks) at 114 schools. Last year, 61% of the children in San Francisco public schools were qualified for free or reduced-priced meals.

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