

From: Emilie Cameron
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 2:24 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Michael Ault; Jaime Wilson
Subject: Support: Operating agreement between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing on behalf of the Downtown Sacramento Partnership in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms. We urge you to vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project.

Only 4% of children are protecting themselves by eating their vegetables. This is critical to a population where 40% of Sacramento children face obesity, while 1 in 3 have type 2 diabetes. These are preventable, diet-related diseases that are linked to food and nutrition insecurity. By joining forces to protect the health of our children, SCUSD and Food Literacy Center are protecting the health of our children. This is especially vital for our youngest students to build long-term healthy habits that will impact their academic performance throughout their life.

We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. As a beneficiary of Dine Downtown for several years, the Food Literacy program has used donations to give kids in low-income schools a healthier future through hands-on cooking and nutrition education.

This MOU demonstrates an important commitment that Food Literacy Center and SCUSD have to students. Hands-on STEAM activities like measuring recipe ingredients, practicing science by making an emulsion for a salad dressing, learning the parts of a plant through gardening—these all help students master these difficult subjects in a non-traditional classroom that sets them up for success. We applaud this partnership and support this MOU.

Thank you, Emilie



Emilie Cameron
DISTRICT AFFAIRS & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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From: j nick ·
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:29 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Agenda item 11.1 d

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This project will be a small part in addressing the inequities facing less advantaged students.

Janet Nicol
City of Sacramento voter

From: Tom McElheney
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 6:45 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: in support: Floyd Farms, Food Literacy Ctr.

Hi, Board Members,

In the expenditure to support Food Literacy Center, we have an example of some of the best spending we could possibly do!

Thanks,
Tom McElheney

Member,
District Wellness Committee

Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: Kim Kaplan ·
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:11 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As the Client Creative Strategist at Entercom Communications, I support this project.

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. As an advocate for the Food Literacy Center and producer of their podcast that focuses on our broken food systems, the education of our children is necessary to developing healthy eating habits. I have witnessed the healthy changes The Food Literacy Center brings to young children and their families, as well as the education they provide to promote thinking differently about eating healthy.

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Respectfully,

Kim Kaplan
Client Creative Strategist
Entercom | Sacramento

From: Amber Stott
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 3:01 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In Support of Agenda Item 11.1d, Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. Vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project.

40% of Sacramento children face obesity. This and other preventable, diet-related diseases are linked to food insecurity and access to quality, healthy foods. By joining forces, SCUSD and Food Literacy Center are protecting the health of our children. This is especially vital for our youngest students. Reaching children early is the most important factor in establishing long-term healthy habits that will impact academic performance throughout their life. It's much easier to teach our youngest children good habits than working to undo bad habits later in life.

Over the 9 years that Food Literacy Center has worked with SCUSD, we have reached 8,927 kids and invested \$3,301,557 worth of free programs to the district to improve student health. This is only the beginning of what we will accomplish together.

This 10-year MOU demonstrates the unique commitment Food Literacy Center and SCUSD have to each other and to our students. With six years of work already invested in this project by me personally, we have accomplished so much! Over the next decade together, the nonprofit has plans for expanded programs, new measures of success, and deepened relationships with the families of our students.

This project serves as a statewide and national model for programs that put student health at the center of academic success. On our website, we have posted the original letters of support submitted to the school board for this project in 2015-16. Supporters of this project include Chef Alice Waters, Raley's, Selland Family Restaurants, and more.

<https://www.foodliteracycenter.org/post/overview-background>

As Food Literacy Center's executive director, I was appointed this year by the Governor's First Partner and the Secretary of California's Department of Food and Agriculture to a new, statewide commission on students' farm to school experience. I will be joining statewide leaders in farm to school education to establish best practices in the field. The MOU you approve tonight, and the Floyd Farms project, stand as a beacon for others across the state. It also demonstrates proof of concept that will help leverage state dollars in years to come.

Farm to school is here to stay! SCUSD is leading the charge by committing to this project in such a meaningful and long-term way. We look forward to the work ahead, together.

In partnership,
Amber Stott, Executive Director

From: Jay Hansen
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:34 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Amber Stott; Nathaniel Browning; Christina Pritchett; jorge-aguilar@scusd.edu
Subject: Item #11.1d - Food Literacy Center

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Good day honorable school board members,

I am writing to strongly support the Food Literacy Center MOU before you tonight. Few organizations have been as patient, diligent, and as dedicated to our students and to our District as the Food Literacy Center.

The opportunity that Sacramento City USD has to both build this flag ship Center and to partner with the FLC will truly elevate SCUSD into the top two or three school districts in the entire state. And most importantly, the incredible learning and life experience that will be provided to our students is unparalleled.

I am was honored to be one of the school board members to help get this project started, and I know that you too can be proud to someday look back and have this as part of your legacy as well.

Supporting this measure tonight will provide so many benefits to so many tens of thousands of students over the many years to come. Congratulations to getting to this important milestone and I wish you continued success for all the years to come.

Jay Hansen
SCUSD Board 2012-18

Cc: Superintendent Jorge Aguilar
SCUSD Board President Christina Pritchett Facilities Director Nathaniel Browning Amber Stott, Food Literacy Center

From: Marie Brougham <mariebrougham@scusd.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 9:01 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Fwd: : In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As a family in SCUSD and active community member, I support this project.

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. Food Literacy Center's work addresses the systemic health and food inequities in our neighborhoods by empowering children with knowledge. Their work with the most vulnerable in our community helps strengthen the entire community. This MOU demonstrates an important commitment that Food Literacy Center and SCUSD have to our students.

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From: U U <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 5:17 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: We are In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. Caballo Blanco Restaurante has attended the Food Literacy Program and have seen the good work efforts to help our community to be more health conscious. We can only see good things coming from this program, and we have added a healthier food option that meets the requirements of the healthy food requirements to benefit our customers. We would love to see this program blossom even further.

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Thank you for your time.

Ulysses Unzueta, Manager.
Caballo Blanco Restaurante

From: Jaime Wilson <jwilson@scusd.net>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:59 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

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I have seen the importance of this work first-hand. Kids will come into class not wanting to try new things but by the end, after making the recipe, they are eating veggies and asking for more. They are learning to make healthy choices that will last a lifetime. I can't wait to expand classes to the garden to not only impact kids at Leataata Floyd Elementary but kids throughout the school district.

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Respectfully,

Jaime Wilson
Brand & Development Director



From: Heather Bennett
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:02 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: maierr@foodliteracycenter.org
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As the Assistant Principal at Ethel I. Baker Elementary School, I whole-heartedly support this project.

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand here at Baker. Not only are students learning about new-to-them fruits and vegetables, they are learning how to prepare and enjoy them as well. Through distributions, recipes, cooking kits, and more, the students at Baker are learning about where their produce comes from and how they can use it to improve their own health and that of those in their homes.

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Respectfully,

Heather Bennett

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Assistant Principal

Ethel I. Baker Elementary School

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"Dwell in possibility" ~ Emily Dickinson

From: Karen Holmes <kholmes@karenbakery.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:09 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As the owner/chef at Karen's Bakery Cafe and Catering Kitchen, I support this project.

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. Teaching children the importance of healthy food, at an early age, ensures that they will be able to taste and experience a wide variety of foods, in turn, creating a keener awareness of the world around them. In addition, the importance of how food relates to a person's well being, will give children a leg up as they continue to learn. Ensuring that kids understand the value and wide varieties of foods in the world is one of the most valuable things that the Food Literacy Program does.

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Respectfully,
Karen Holmes
Karen's Bakery Cafe & Catering
(916) 485-1111

From: Diana Flores
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:27 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Amber Stott
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As the Nutrition Services Director at Sacramento City Unified School District, I support this project.

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. Food Literacy education in our afterschool programs connects students to their food with knowledge about how food grows, how it's prepared, and how it feels, smells, and tastes. Since our collaboration with Food Literacy Center we have seen that students that learn about their food have a much higher acceptability rate when introduced again to those same food items in the school meal program. Food Literacy students learn to be adventurous with food and learn how to make life long healthy food choices that support their mind, body and spirit which enables them to do better in the classroom and in life.

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Respectfully,

Diana Flores, Director Nutrition Services
SCUSD

Diana Flores | Director of Central Kitchen & Warehouse
Nutrition Services | Sacramento City Unified School District

From: Erica Holland <
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:06 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. And I believe bringing as much awareness to the project is essential to its impact. Creating an environment for our children to truly experience the farm-to-fork process encourages healthy habits and sets a foundation for the future.

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Respectfully,

Erica Holland, Board Member
Food Literacy Center

From: Aziz Bellarbi-Salah
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:24 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As the General Manager of two Sacramento Restaurants, Aioli Bodega Espanola & the Brasserie Capitale, as an alumni of SCUSD as a son of a SCUSD teacher and as a proud father of two SCUSD students I wholeheartedly support any and all that we can do to make Floyd Farms a reality.

I have been a Sacramento restaurateur for the majority of my adult life and have been a supporter of the Food Literacy Center for over a decade. I believe that the skills and education that any education about food, food production and food preparation are absolutely vital to the basic understanding of being human. I believe that in not supporting these types of base life skill education all the way up and down the age brackets does any community a huge disservice. As an extremely busy father I know how difficult it is to find the time to nurture these understandings in my own children and am blessed that my wife is a full time mother and is able to enrich their education. I know that the vast majority of students are not that lucky. If we are able to teach children how to eat well, identify foods and understand the science behind how food is created then we will succeed in teaching them in a real tangible way many of the things that we beat into our curriculum and are lost on so many students. I understand that this paragraph would not pass any of my SCUSD english teachers' desks without dozens of red marks and large ROs with three or four aggressive underlines yet I do hope that me taking any moment out of my day to address my support for these projects will not fall on deaf ears.

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If you have never seen the joy of discovery in the eyes of children when they discover the beauty of fresh vegetables. You can see, in their bite, when their bodies instantly know that that piece of green is something that they desire. They will want more and more and more. I have seen this in my mother's classroom when Food Literacy Center educators were at their school in the before times. I am certain that Floyd Farms is going to be a welcome asset to our community's education for generations to come. Let us sow these seeds and tend the gardens; and never allow us to leave that site in disrepair.

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subjects in a non-traditional classroom that sets them up for success. We applaud this partnership and support this MOU.

I would respectfully prefer to be able to send this with edits,

Aziz Bellarbi-Salah

Proprietor Aioli Restaurant, Son SCUSD teacher, SCUSD alumni, Father SCUSD Students

General Manager

Brasserie Capitale & Cafe A Cote

From: Kimio <kimio@mbinc.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 5:28 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As the Principal at MB Inc. I support this project.

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. Our restaurants (The Golden Bear, Hook & Ladder, Kru) have been working with Amber Stott and her team for years, and have witnessed transformative growth in the children, their parents, and the community at large. Truthfully, it has changed my team as well.

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Respectfully,

Kimio Bazett
Principal/CFO
MB Inc.

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Elizabeth Vasile
Monday, February 1, 2021 5:30 PM
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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. Cultivating knowledge and taste for healthy food from an early age makes for life-long healthy nutrition choices, promotes cognitive development, and reduces the risk of chronic disease.

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Respectfully,

Elizabeth Vasile, Ph.D.
Associate Director, Community Engagement Core
Program Manager, Integrating Special Populations into Research (INSPIRE)
Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC)
UC Davis Health

*When day comes, we step out of the shade aflame and unafraid. The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light.
If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.*

The Hill We Climb, Amanda Gorman

From: Evelyn Morales
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 5:49 PM
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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. When we began our recipe kit distributions at school sites last April, we had families asking us who we were, what we were doing, and why. At those sites, we only well knew to our students. Over the course of the last few months, families have begun to learn who we are, trust us, and are even excited to pick up a recipe kit. Our students share with us at distribution or over emails what their families thought of the recipes they take home and make. Our relationships have extended past our students and into their families. This is what is possible with Floyd Farms, we can engage not only our students, that will benefit immensely but their parents and families as well. We can gain trust and build relationships and change behaviors into positives ones.

This MOU demonstrates an important commitment that Food Literacy Center and SCUSD have to our students.

Hands-on STEAM activities like measuring recipe ingredients, practicing science by making an emulsion for a salad dressing, learning the parts of a plant through gardening--these all help students master these difficult subjects in a non-traditional classroom that sets them up for success. We applaud this partnership and support this MOU.

In Health,
Evelyn Morales
Program Manager

From: Stacey Kauffman
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 6:11 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As the SVP/Market Manager at Entercom Communications, I support this project.

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. Not only does the Food Literacy programming bring health, nutrition and food education that positively impacts attitude and behavior to these deserving, in-need kids, it also brings joy that positively impacts their mental health and confidence. The need for this programming is great, and this building will help the Food Literacy Center increase its scale, service and impact to more SCUSD students.

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Respectfully,

Stacey Kauffman
SVP/ Market Manager

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From: Felicia James <
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 7:58 PM
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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As an African-American civil engineer who attended Hiram Johnson high school in the 1980's and who now works in Sacramento, I support this project.

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I have seen the importance of this work first-hand. I've seen young children bravely reach for "adult" food, that is to say "vegetables," and boldly chomp on a raw carrot. For these children, this is their "normal"! And, because of Food Literacy Center, they learn not only to taste a diversity of vegetables but also how to cook and season them - skills that are critical to living a healthy and productive life as adults, and skills that they can easily share with family and peers as they grow.

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Hands-on STEAM activities like measuring recipe ingredients, practicing science by making an emulsion for a salad dressing, learning the parts of a plant through gardening--these all help students master these difficult subjects in a non-traditional classroom that sets them up for success. I applaud this partnership and support this MOU.

Respectfully,

Felicia James, P.E.
Civil Engineer

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From:
Sent:
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Justin Nordan
Monday, February 1, 2021 10:20 PM
SCUSD Public Comment
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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As the Director of Business Development at Lyte, I support this project.

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. Since I joined the Board of Directors in 2015, the impact on children and the community at large, has been tremendous. Parents and children alike, asking for more time and resources from the Food Literacy Center. This MOU demonstrates an important commitment that Food Literacy Center and SCUSD have to our students.

Hands-on STEAM activities like measuring recipe ingredients, practicing science by making an emulsion for a salad dressing, learning the parts of a plant through gardening--these all help students master these difficult subjects in a non-traditional classroom that sets them up for success. We applaud this partnership and support this MOU.

Respectfully,

Justin Nordan
Director of Business Development
Lyte

Justin Nordan
Talent Buyer // Concerts In The Park - Sacramento
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From: Meghan Phillips <...>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:30 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As the CEO at Honey, I support this project.

Only 4% of children are protecting themselves by eating their vegetables. This is critical to a population where 40% of Sacramento children face obesity, while 1 in 3 have type 2 diabetes. These are preventable, diet-related diseases that are linked to food and nutrition insecurity. By joining forces to protect the health of our children, SCUSD and Food Literacy Center are protecting the health of our children. This is especially vital for our youngest students to build long-term healthy habits that will impact their academic performance throughout their life.

We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. I have been on the Board of Food Literacy Center, worked closely with Central Kitchen, and have led the Chamber's Food and Ag efforts. This work is critical for our community and for protecting and teaching our children. This is legacy work for our community.

This MOU demonstrates an important commitment that Food Literacy Center and SCUSD have to our students.

Hands-on STEAM activities like measuring recipe ingredients, practicing science by making an emulsion for a salad dressing, learning the parts of a plant through gardening--these all help students master these difficult subjects in a non-traditional classroom that sets them up for success. We applaud this partnership and support this MOU.

Respectfully,



Meghan Phillips / founder + ceo
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From: Sarah Modeste
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 10:07 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I look forward to your YES vote to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As Managing Partner at KMP Strategies LLC and the Chair of the Food Literacy Center Board of Directors, I strongly support this project.

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I have seen the importance of this work first-hand. This critical partnership among those most invested in our community's future lays the groundwork for a comprehensive approach to hands on learning with positive, lifelong rewards. Our community is stronger when our students are healthy. If there's anything we've learned during the last 11 months, it is the prioritization of health.

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Respectfully,
Sarah

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KMP STRATEGIES LLC

From: Anna Rosenbaum
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:59 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As the mother of two SCUSD students and a public health professional I enthusiastically support this project.

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. Too often, the schools serving our lowest income children don't have the resources to meet the health education and wellness needs of a diverse student body population. This is an opportunity for an innovative, long-term partnership that will directly improve the health and well-being of our SCUSD students.

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Respectfully,

Anna Rosenbaum, MSW, MPH

From: Nicole Rogers
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 3:23 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As the CMO of True Origin Foods, I support this project.

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand. The incredibly nimble service and ability to care for our youth during a global health crisis, as well as deliver programming, skills and resources that are culturally relevant for our communities has been unparalleled. Food Literacy Center ran directly into this health crisis with the single goal - to care for and serve our SCUSD youth.

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Respectfully,

Nicole Rogers, CMO
True Origin Foods

Nicole Rogers

From: Jane Adams
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 3:38 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As a volunteer with the Food Literacy Center, I whole heartedly support this project.

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I have seen the importance of this work first-hand. I have helped at numerous Food Literacy Center's school centered programs and it is exciting to see children learn about vegetables and fruits and to ask for seconds. In reality fresh vegetables and fruits can be expensive and in certain neighborhoods, in short supply. The Food Literacy Center helps fill the gap between lack of knowledge and access. Kids WILL eat fruits and vegetables if provided. We must do everything in our power to help children live a healthy life by being active, having fresh fruits and vegetables, and getting the medical care they need.

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I applaud this partnership and support this MOU. I cannot wait to volunteer at the new cooking school and seeing the faces of children light up as they taste and cook with fruits and vegetables!

Respectfully,

Jane H. Adams
Food Literacy Center Volunteer & SCUSD Resident

Jane H. Adams

From: Erik Johnson
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 6:45 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors:

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I urge you to vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As a parent of an SCUSD student, I support this project.

Through my day job as the deputy executive director of operations at the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, I've seen innovative government partnerships created here and across the country, and none compare to what Food Literacy Center and SCUSD is doing here. Many governmental entities that seek to partner with national experts to develop or run programs pay top dollar for that. In this incredible home-grown case, Food Literacy Center was created here and is devoted to here. And the incredible part? All free to SCUSD.

I applaud the leadership you've demonstrated in developing this MOU, and I look forward to seeing the Food Literacy Center have the capacity to spread its programs to more SCUSD students as a result of this MOU.

Sincerely,

Erik Johnson

From: Tawney Lambert
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:16 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Amber Stott
Subject: In Support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As the School Nurse at Leataata Floyd Elementary School, I support this project.

Only 4% of children are protecting themselves by eating their vegetables. Eating healthy is critical to a population where 40% of Sacramento children face obesity and are at risk of developing Prediabetes and other diet-related diseases that are linked to food and nutrition insecurity. By joining forces to protect the health of our children, SCUSD and Food Literacy Center are protecting the health of our children. This project is especially vital for our youngest students to build long-term healthy habits that will impact their academic performance throughout their life.

I have been a strong advocate for Food Literacy for many years because of its dedication to promoting healthy food in a fun, safe, and consistent manner. I've volunteered with Food Literacy classes in libraries and schools and have seen the engagement and joy of young children and parents as they become "food adventurers" and learn about the importance of eating healthy meals. My 34 year nursing career has shined a bright light on the importance of preventive health and promoting healthy lifestyles. Food Literacy Center has survived since its inception because this innovative non-profit has never steered from its mission to *help people learn how to eat healthier*. The health disparities that we are currently witnessing exemplifies why our community needs what Food Literacy offers. The farm will be an incredible addition to the classroom and will provide hands-on gardening and healthy crops for all to plant, nurture, and learn from.

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Healthy Regards,

Tawney Lambert, RN
Credentialed School Nurse
Leataata Floyd Elementary
401 McClatchy Way, 95818

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From: Danielle Stephens
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:55 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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Dear SCUSD Board of Directors,

I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As a partner at the law firm of Downey Brand, I support this project.

Only 4% of children are protecting themselves by eating their vegetables. This is critical to a population where 40% of Sacramento children face obesity, while 1 in 3 have type 2 diabetes. These are preventable, diet-related diseases that are linked to food and nutrition insecurity. By joining forces to protect the health of our children, SCUSD and Food Literacy Center are protecting the health of our children. This is especially vital for our youngest students to build long-term healthy habits that will impact their academic performance throughout their life.

The Food Literacy Center is a fantastic partner for the District. They have already proven their commitment to the students and demonstrated their success. The MOU will allow the Food Literacy to impact more SCUSD students and reach them on an even deeper level.

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Respectfully,

Danielle Stephens
Downey Brand

From: Shelly Kesser
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:55 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: In support of Floyd Farms MOU, 2/4/21 agenda item 11.1d

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I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 11.1d, *Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Food Literacy Center for Floyd Farms*. I hope you'll vote yes to approve the MOU between Food Literacy Center and SCUSD for this important project. As a Senior Vice President and Partner at FleishmanHillard, I support this project.

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We have seen the importance of this work first-hand as the students learn to appreciate and truly enjoy healthy, flavorful fruits and vegetables. The fun, hands-on approach of the Food Literacy Center helps to inspire smart-eating habits – for life!

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Respectfully,
Shelly Kessen, Senior Vice President and Partner
FleishmanHillard

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