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# At a Glance



***Mission: To End Hunger in  
San Francisco and Marin***

- 45 million pounds of food
- 230 weekly farmers' market-style pantries serving over 28,000 households each week
- 60% fresh produce at pantries



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# **Children + Families**



***1 in 4 children in San  
Francisco is food  
insecure***



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## *Healthy Children Pantries*

- 57 weekly farmers' market style pantries
- 30 at school sites (some during summer)
- 2700 households weekly
- 25% increase in last 2 years



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## *Morning Snack*

- Supports mid-morning nutrition break
- 30 schools
- Over 10K kids daily
- Hand-held fruit, carrots or string cheese



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## *Nutrition Education*

- “Pantry to Plate” cooking demonstrations
- Nutrition classes (e.g., Rethink Your Drink)
- Leah’s Pantry 6-week workshop (kids + adults)



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# School Meals



*Huge opportunity to make a difference for low-income kids every day*

- 50% SFUSD students qualify for free meals (< \$30K for family of 4)
- 10% qualify for reduced price (< \$42.6K for family of 4)



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***The Goal:  
Feed More Kids  
Better Food***

- Improvements made over last decade
- Participation still low
- Collaboration between SFUSD, DPH (EHS) & SFFB
- Support of S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Fdn, TomKat CT, ConAgra



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## *Data Points*

- 45 schools visited or observed
- Nine focus groups (over 50 participants)
- Over 50 interviews
- Over 2100 parent surveys (>1K at pantries)





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## *Key Findings*

- Low participation + high waste = very little eating
- Appeal, stigma, uninviting eating environments and inadequate time to eat are key obstacles
- Insufficient management staff contributes to issues
- Central kitchen not the only way – space exists



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## *Key Foundational Recommendations*

- Analyze revenue and expenditure trends
- Develop new central office structure and staff
- Include SNS in capital planning
- Refine management reports
- Eliminate remnants of two-tier line service
- Improve cafeterias' appearance with low-cost options



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***SF FEED:  
“Fueling Education  
Every Day”***

- Bring cooking back in-house, to some degree, in 3 yrs
  - Explore SFUSD sites and/or Oakland partnership
- Implement breakfast in the classroom
- Implement a second choice in elementary lunch
- Manage for success: hire area supervisors
- Develop culinary arts program