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Board of Education
San Francisco Unified School District
555 Franklin Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Members of the Board of Education:

On behalf of SPUR, I am writing to respectfully request that you vote to approve the District's contract with its existing prepared meals provider so that there is no gap in school meal service for SFUSD students.

For numerous years, SPUR has engaged with the District in its efforts to improve the quality of school meals and the dining experience of students. Recently, we have been meeting with staff in Student Nutrition Services (SNS) as they work to implement the District's forward thinking vision to improve the entire school meals program, including the Good Food Purchasing Policy.

While there is still much progress to be made, the current SNS team is moving the District's school meals program forward with unprecedented focus and clarity.

We support and share the Board's desire to improve meals in the schools. However, while keeping that value at the forefront, it is also important that the District continue to have a viable contractor who can provide prepared meals while staff create the infrastructure to allow for more options going forward.

For that reason, we ask that you reinstate the contract with the current meal provider to ensure that students are able to receive meals while the District works toward improving its overall meals program.

Sincerely,

Eli Zigas
Food and Agriculture Policy Director