



SUFFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Suffield, Connecticut

DATE: March 28, 2023
TO: Timothy Van Tasel, Superintendent
FROM: Bill Hoff
RE: Healthy Food Certification for 2023-24

Connecticut General Statutes (Section 10-215f) requires Board of Educations to annually certify whether or not the school district will follow the Connecticut Nutrition Standards for all foods sold to students by July 1. The program provides \$0.10 per reimbursable lunch if the district follows the Standards. Suffield has participated in the program since 2015-2016.

Accepting the Healthy Food Certification requires the district to apply the Connecticut Nutrition Standards to all sources of food sales on school premises at all times including, but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias and any fundraising activities sold to students on school premises. However, there is an exemption for events which occur after school hours such as plays or athletic events.

Overall implementing this program had little impact on our school fundraising programs and provides additional revenue to the food service program. I recommend the Board certify our participation in the program for 2023-2024 with an exemption for events after school hours.

The board will need to approve the two motions as attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.