

Appendix B. Organizations in Support of Healthy, Climate-Friendly Foodservice:

The organizations below are all dedicated to supporting schools districts to transition to healthier, climate-friendly foodservice.

Organization	Representative — Contact	Organization Description + Support Services
Center for Ecoliteracy	Jenn Lovewell jennifer@ecoliteracy.org	California Food for California Kids® supports district-level operational excellence, and leverages the magnitude of public school meals to effect positive changes in the food system through the purchasing power of school districts. The initiative provides an array of programs, resources, and inspiration for school food service professionals, educators, and school communities. It operates at multiple levels of scale, including a statewide network, regional clusters of school districts and their partners, and with programs operating within individual school districts. https://www.ecoliteracy.org/
Center for Good Food Purchasing	Colleen McKinney cmckinney@goodfoodpurchasing.org	The Center for Good Food Purchasing's Good Food Purchasing Program provides a metric-based, flexible framework that encourages large institutions to direct their buying power toward five core values: (1) local economies, (2) environmental sustainability, (3) valued workforce, (4) animal welfare, and (5) nutrition. Through the Program, the Center works with institutions to establish supply chain transparency from farm to fork, evaluate how current purchasing practices align with the Good Food Purchasing Standards, set goals, measure progress, and celebrate successes in using institutional purchasing power to improve the food system. www.goodfoodpurchasing.org
Chef Ann Foundation	Emily Gallivan emilyg@chefannfoundation.org	Chef Ann Foundation's mission is to provide school communities with the tools, training, resources, and funding that enables them to create healthier food and redefine lunchroom environments. The foundation's programs include online learning for school food service professionals, salad bar equipment grants and USDA-compliant recipes to help districts transition to scratch cooking. http://www.chefannfoundation.org/ , http://www.thelunchbox.org/ https://www.schoolfoodinstitute.org/ , http://www.saladbars2schools.org
Food Corps/ School Food Focus	Alexa Arnold alexa.arnold@foodcorps.org	FoodCorps believes every school should be a healthy school, and every child—regardless of race, place, or class—deserves to get the nourishment they need to focus, learn, and thrive. In underserved communities across 18 states, our trained AmeriCorps members deliver the FoodCorps program in schools, working with staff, students, and community members to implement three evidence-based strategies that get kids eating healthy: hands-on learning, healthy school meals, and schoolwide culture of health. Building on this foundation of direct impact and evaluation, FoodCorps pursues integrated strategies—leadership development, market change, and policy influence—to drive systemic change, with the goal of making healthy schools, and healthy kids, the norm nationwide.
Conscious Kitchen	Debbie Friedman debbie@consciouskitchen.org	Conscious Kitchen (CK) addresses food equity, education, and access by shifting the paradigm around school food service, while cultivating a local, ecological food system, and building nutrition literacy into school meals. Through a collaborative, replicable approach, CK partners with schools to break the cycle of packaged, overly processed food, transitioning to chef-prepared, scratch-cooked meals created in on-site school zero-waste kitchens, based on five foundational attributes: fresh, local, organic, seasonal and non-GMO. Once built, schools own and operate their Conscious Kitchens. CK provides technical support to build capacity within schools, including feasibility studies for kitchen remodels, supply chain and procurement support, chef recruitment, hiring & training, menus, recipes, and multi-level stakeholder organizing. https://www.consciouskitchen.org/

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Friends of the Earth, Food and Agriculture Program	Kari Hamerschlag Khamerschlag@foe.org	Friends of the Earth works to rapidly transition our food system to one that is sustainable, healthy, and just. Our Healthy and Climate-Friendly School Food Initiative is part of our Climate-Friendly Purchasing Campaign that leverages public and higher education food policies and purchasing dollars to drive market shifts and consumption toward fewer (and better) animal products and healthier, plant-forward, sustainable food. We research best practices and provide school districts with educational materials and presentations, carbon footprinting tools, helpful resources, and information on implementing climate friendly foodservice. We host regional forums on climate-friendly school food in order to share best practices and foster collaborations that can help facilitate transitions to healthy, culturally appropriate and environmentally sustainable foodservice. Finally we work with partners and our more than 1.5 million supporters to promote policy change at the district, state and federal levels. https://foe.org/projects/school-food-purchasing/
Humane Society of the United States	Rebecca Portman rportman@humanesociety.org	Forward Food, a program of The Humane Society of the United States, works with institutions interested in decreasing purchases and sales of animal-based products while increasing plant-based options on the menus. Forward Food provides institutions with recipe and concept development, hands-on culinary training, educational presentations, marketing materials and the opportunity to track reduction in GHG emissions via purchases. https://forwardfood.org/
Lean and Green Kids	Barbara Cole Gates barbara@leanandgreenkids.org	Lean and Green Kids' mission is to teach kids about the life changing, planet-saving power of eating plants - especially beans, the lean and green protein! To support school food service in serving more bean-based school lunch entrees, LGK has curated a "Cool Bean of the Month" school lunch standardized recipe collection (free from LGK website) that can be promoted in classroom with LGK's easy and free classroom nutrition education program, <i>the Daily Scoop</i> (also available at LGK website). The Daily Scoop (DS) is a series of "byte-sized" and kid-friendly nutrition tips added to a teacher's opening routine, one for every school day - elevating plant-strong nutrition education to a daily practice. Each monthly issue of the DS features a "Cool Bean of the Month", connected to a timely social studies connection (May/Pinto Beans & Cinco de Mayo). LGK also has beautiful Cool Bean cafeteria posters, as well as a standards based classroom nutrition curriculum (K-3), "Eating Lean and Green with Super Foods to Save the Planet!" www.leanandgreenkids.org
One Meal a Day for the Planet	Ashley Schaeffer Yildiz ashley@omdfortheplanet.com	OMD is about making plant-based eating mainstream as a solution to climate change through resourcing individuals to migrate to climate-friendly, plant-based diets. OMD is also about system change — expanding access and offering support to schools, businesses, restaurants and communities to move towards healthy plant-based options. https://omdfortheplanet.com/
Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine	Maggie Neola, RD mneola@pcrm.org	The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine is dedicated to saving and improving human and animal lives through plant-based diets and ethical and effective scientific research. The Physician Committee educates medical professionals, government officials, foodservice professionals, and laypeople about the benefits of a plant-based diet. For resources specific to helping schools implement plant-based options, visit www.HealthySchoolLunches.org .
Schools for Climate Action	Park Guthrie empower@schoolsforclimateaction.org	Schools for Climate Action is a non-partisan, grassroots, youth-adult campaign to empower schools to speak up for climate action to protect current and future students. We help school stakeholders encourage their school boards, student councils, PTAs, and educators' unions to pass climate action resolutions which do 3 things: (1) Drive a paradigm shift so individuals and institutions recognize climate change as generational justice and human rights issue, (2) Articulate the political will for commonsense local, state, and federal climate policies, such as carbon pricing, and (3) celebrate and expand intra-district responses to climate change such as curriculum, food service, buildings and grounds, and solar initiatives. www.schoolsforclimateaction.org