

Annual Report

July 2010-2011

Davis Farm to School Mission:

Create an educational and cultural environment in our schools that connects food choices with personal health, community, farms, and land.

School District Partnership

Forged over many years, the firm partnership between the Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) and Davis Farm to School was confirmed with a Memorandum of Understanding signed by both in 2001.

Winfred Roberson, Superintendent, Davis Joint Unified School District:

"There is only one earth, and each generation has been given stewardship to maintain earth's beauty for the generations that follow. DJUSD is proud to do its part and appreciates the support and our partnership with Davis Farm to School to improve the health of our students and to deepen their educational experience."

Rafaelita Curva, Director, DJUSD Student Nutrition Services:

"Working in partnership with Davis Farm to School for the past 10 years, the school district has made tremendous strides in improving school lunch. We now offer a salad bar at every school that highlights local and seasonal produce, as well as made-from-scratch hot entrees. We are also now piloting the use of real trays and utensils to further reduce our solid waste."

Our Goals

Founded in 2000, Davis Farm to School supports the Davis Joint Unified School District to accomplish the following goals:

- ◆ **Increase farm fresh foods** in school food offerings
- ◆ **Reduce solid waste** through a comprehensive district recycling program (DavisRISE)
- ◆ **Provide educational opportunities** to students and staff through garden-based learning, local farm visits and volunteer/teacher workshops
- ◆ **Engage the local community** through outreach events and partnerships.

Highlights of 2010-2011

- LOCAL & SEASONAL-Total district purchases of locally sourced, seasonal and fresh produce as part of school lunch increased to 49%—almost half of all district produce.¹
- FOOD REVOLUTION PROFESSIONAL-Rafaelita Curva, Director of DJUSD Student Nutrition Services, was one of 12 in the nation named a Food Revolution Professional by Jamie Oliver on his

¹ DJUSD's Evaluation of Measure Q 2009 - 2010 Report by UC SAREP

list of school food service leaders making a difference. (www.jamieoliver.com/us/foundation/jamies-food-revolution/professional)

- COOKING SCHOOL-Eight cooking school classes were conducted in the Central Kitchen for food service staff by nationally recognized cookbook author Georgeanne Brennan. Class recipes are tested and rewritten to scale for inclusion in the school lunch program. (www.djUSD.net for seasonal school lunch menus)
- COMPOSTING ON THE RISE-The DJUSD Central Kitchen joined the City of Davis Food Scrap Collection Pilot Program and now diverts pre and post consumer food scraps to be composted by the city. 10 out of 12 schools in the district collect lunchtime food scraps for composting at the school site.
- GROWING GARDEN SUPPORT – Davis Farm to School awarded 14 DJUSD schools with a \$500.00 PTA Matching School Garden Grant.
- FARM VISITS- 15 second grade classes participated in a farm field trip, making connections with local food production that encourage lifelong healthy eating habits.
- CLUCKS-A-PLENTY! - Tour de Cluck: A Bicycle Chicken Coop Crawl engaged 650 visitors from as far away as Los Angeles and Seattle in a tour of the poultry palaces that comprise Davis's thriving backyard chicken-keeping culture.
- COMMUNAL FEAST- Community gathered to celebrate the late-summer harvest with a lunch sourced from the Davis Farmer's Market at the 6th Annual Village Feast.
- PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE- Caffe Italia's "Pizza with a Purpose" to benefit Davis Farm to School launched at the Davis Farmer's Market on Wednesdays.
- A.G. BRINLEY AWARD-President of the Davis Farmer's Market Foundation, Dorothy Peterson was honored with the A.G. Brinley Award for outstanding service. Dorothy began the school gardening and recycling movement in Davis schools and founded the non-profit Davis Farm to School.

Check the DF2S website www.davisfarmtoschool.org under "Monthly Updates" for highlights throughout the year.

Community Support

The strength of a community movement such as Davis Farm to School is derived from shared vision and delivered through partnerships large and small.

Our Sponsors:

Sutter Davis Hospital

The Davis Food Co-op

Nugget Market

Yocha Dehe Community Fund

Talbott Solar and Radiant Homes

Dos Coyotes and Border Café

Caffe Italia

Grants Received:

Teichert Foundation

Campbell Soup Foundation

Davis Co-op Community Fund

Partnerships:

City of Davis

California Integrated Waste Management Board

California School Garden Network

Community Alliance with Family Farmers

Central Park Gardens

Davis Chamber of Commerce

Davis Downtown Business Association

Davis Farmers Market

Davis Joint Unified School District

Davis Waste Removal

Pepper Peddler

RCC Group

Sacramento State University Community Nutrition Program

Slow Food Yolo

UC Davis School Gardens Project

UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program

Yolo County Office of Education

Yolo County Arts Council

UCD Student Nutrition Association

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Steering Committee Members

The sustained work of the steering committee members is key to meeting our goal of supporting the Davis Joint Unified School District programs.

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Juliet Crites, Chef, DaVinci High Booster Club Vice President

Delaine Eastin, Former California Superintendent of Public Instruction

Gail Feenstra Ed.D., Food Systems Coordinator, UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Project (UCSAREP), DF2S Evaluation Consultant

Jacqueline Clemens, Community Engagement Specialist, Retired Teacher and Former School Reform Coordinator

Lydia Delis-Schlosser, Triathlete

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Karen Mo, MD, Family Physician, UC-Davis Medical Group; Vice President, Davis Farmers Market Foundation (DFMF) Board, DJUSD Nutrition Advisory Committee Member

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Dorothy Peterson, President, DFMF Board; Chair, DF2S Steering Committee; retired teacher of 37 years in DJUSD.

Marlene Sisemore, Past DFMF Board Member

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