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TO: All Principals and School Food Service Managers

FROM: Janis Andrews, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer *J.A.*
Michael J. Burke, Chief Operating Officer *MJB*

SUBJECT: SOUL SOURCE PROJECT

In Palm Beach County, there are over 175,000 residents who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP (a 225% increase over the last three years). The 211 Crisis hotline has seen a 30% increase in the number of calls for food and over 55% of our children attending school receive free or reduced meal benefits. According to Feeding America, almost 17% of Palm Beach County residents often do not know from where their next meal will come.

The District's Wellness Promotion Task Force in collaboration with the Palm Beach County Food Bank will be collecting non-perishable food donations. Starting in October, with each principal's approval, a *Green Bin* will be placed in each school's cafeteria or a designated accessible area, per principal, for two weeks preceding the School Food Service Managers In-service meeting.

At the schools, School Food Service Managers will act as the conduit for collecting, securing and delivering the non-perishable food items. At the beginning of each collection month*, (schedule posted below) prior to three School Food Service In-service meetings, there will be communication promoting the collection of non-perishable foods. SFS Managers will bring the non-perishable foods to In-service for weigh-in and collection by the Palm Beach County Food Bank's staff.

- Each school will receive a *Green Bin* and three reusable green bags which will be used to collect goods from the **Non-Perishable Food Items List** – refer to attachment

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- A *Green Bin* should **ONLY** be placed in the school cafeteria or a designated accessible area per principal for food collection within the following time periods prior to the School Food Service In-service meetings:
 - 10/8/2012 – 10/18/2012
 - 02/4/2013 – 02/15/2013
 - 04/22/2013 – 05/6/2013

The need in our community is great and we need the support of our school leaders, staff, and the community to feed the hungry in Palm Beach County.

Please refer to the attached document for detailed information on this valuable initiative.

We appreciate your support for the **Soul Source Project!**

EWG/JA/MJB/SB/AM/pt:cd

Attachment

Approved by: 
E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent

The School District of Palm Beach County's
Wellness Promotion Task Force &
Palm Beach County Food Bank presents...

Soul Source Project...  Soul Source

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In the county, there are more than 100 agencies that take on the responsibility of feeding the hungry. These agencies range from small churches that operate food pantries (distribution of canned goods) to larger soup kitchens (like Boynton Beach Soup Kitchen or CROS Caring Kitchen, etc.) that prepare at least one hot meal per day. The Palm Beach County Food Bank is an organization that distributes to these agencies but the annual need is close to **35 million pounds** of food. Every agency that operates a feeding program is scrambling for food because the current supply is woefully inadequate to meet the need.

The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Quantum Foundation, the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, Allegany Franciscan Ministries, United Way of Palm Beach County, the Lost Tree Village Charitable Foundation and a number of other organizations, are supporting the growth and expansion of the Palm Beach County Food Bank.

Let's invest in our community's nutritional health through the *Soul Source Project...*



The School District of Palm Beach County



Non-Perishable Food Items List

Priority 1

- Canned Meats (Tuna, Salmon, Chicken)
- Peanut Butter (smallest containers)
- Canned Soups
- Canned Stews and Chili
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Pasta (Spaghetti "O's")
- Canned Juices
- Canned Beans

Priority 2

- Tomato Sauce
- Pasta (Macaroni & Cheese, etc.)
- Hot/Cold Cereals
- Cereal Bars
- Rice
- Beans (pinto, black beans)
- Dry Soups

Please No Perishable or Glass Items

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In addition, at each Wellness Promotion Task Force meeting *Green Bins* will be placed at the entrance to the District's School Board Room for Wellness Promotion Task Force members to participate in this program.

Soul Source Project...Collection Dates for FY 2012-2013

- October 17, 2012 - Wellness Promotion Task Force Meeting - **Board Room**
- * October 19, 2012 - SFS Department In-service Meeting - **Royal Palm Beach HS**
- February 6, 2013 - Wellness Promotion Task Force Meeting - **Board Room**
- * February 19, 2013 - SFS Department In-service Meeting - **Royal Palm Beach HS**
- April 3, 2013 - Wellness Promotion Task Force Meeting - **Board Room**
- * May 7, 2013 - SFS Department In-service Meeting - **Royal Palm Beach HS**
- May 15, 2013 - Wellness Promotion Task Force Meeting - **Board Room**

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* Dates of Collecting and Month of School Food Service In-service

**The School District of Palm Beach County, Florida
Wellness Promotion Task Force**

“Soul Source Project”

**Food Collection Instructions for the
School Food Service Managers**

The need for food in our community is great and we need your support. Please assist us with the following food collection procedures:

- Each school will receive a *Green Bin* and three Reusable Bags which will be used to collect goods from the **Non-Perishable Food Items List**
- A *Green Bin* should **ONLY** be placed in an accessible area in the school cafeteria or in a designated accessible area, per principal, for food collection within the following time periods *prior to In-service*:
 - 10/8/2012 – 10/18/2012
 - 02/4/2013 – 02/15/2013
 - 04/22/2013 – 05/6/2013
- Once the *Green Bin* is filled with the non-perishable food donations -- please place items in the Reusable Bags provided and bring to In-service meetings on the dates below:
 - October 19, 2012 at Royal Palm Beach Community High School
 - February 19, 2013 at Royal Palm Beach Community High School
 - May 7, 2013 at Royal Palm Beach Community High School
- At each SFS Department In-service meeting the Palm Beach County Food Bank will:
 - Have staff on hand to collect the non-perishable food donations prior to the meeting
 - Weigh non-perishable food donations to determine amount collected
 - Transfer non-perishable food from Reusable Bags to Palm Beach County Food Bank truck
 - Return the Reusable Bags to each SFS Manager
 - Distribute donated non-perishable food to agencies in the county

