



DRAFT
July 23, 2007

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) and the Davis Farmers Market Foundation (DFMF) with the Davis Farm to School Connection (DF2SC), a project of the DFMF, are entering into this agreement in order to further collaborative efforts to support the health and education of all DJUSD students and the implementation of several policies approved by the DJUSD Board of Education: Food and Nutrition Policy (April 2004), Wellness Policy (May 2006) and Waste Reduction Policy (pending). The agreement is subject to availability of appropriate district and/or outside resources. Our work together is guided by the following goals:

Goal # 1: Increase farm fresh foods in school food offerings

1A. DJUSD and Davis Farm to School Connection (DF2SC) will work together to increase the amount of farm fresh foods from local farms in the school meal and snack programs. To the extent possible and within economic constraints, we will work toward a goal of 60% of total district produce being purchased from local growers by 2010.

1B. DJUSD and Davis Farm to School Connection will continue working together to encourage children to increase their consumption of fresh produce and increases sales to area farmers.

1C. DJUSD and Davis Farm to School Connection will work together to provide professional development opportunities for food service staff that builds on their knowledge of nutrition, and preparing, serving and eating farm fresh foods.

1D. DJUSD and Davis Farm to School Connection will continue to monitor progress toward the above goal, gathering data in mutually agreed upon formats and process, and sharing results that can be used to improve future offerings.

Implementation strategies:

- *DF2SC will provide funding to support a "forager" to work as a liaison between farmers and the student nutrition services staff to increase availability of local produce for school lunch program. The forager will make available a purchasing list to the Director of Student Nutrition Services on a weekly basis.*
- *DJUSD, with assistance from DF2SC, will develop a school lunch model that maximizes local, farm fresh food, minimizes waste and encourages lifelong healthy eating habits.*
- *DF2SC will provide support to school staff and volunteers to offer seasonal tastings through the development of an agreed upon method and annual schedule.*
- *DF2SC will work with the Student Nutrition Services Director to identify staff development needs for the staff in Nutrition Services and will provide two trainings or tours annually.*

- *DJUSD will report annually to the community on progress towards these goals along with the report on wellness policy compliance (see page 6 of Wellness Policy)*

Goal #2: Reduce solid waste through a comprehensive district recycling program

2A. DJUSD and Davis Farm to School Connection will continue to work together to develop and maintain a comprehensive waste reduction program integrated into district operations at all district sites (schools, central kitchen, district offices). The savings generated by the waste reduction efforts will be used to support waste reduction and garden-based learning programs.

2B. DJUSD and Davis Farm to School Connection will work together to establish community partnerships to attract funds and support for the waste reduction program expansion including partnering on grant proposals as appropriate.

Implementation strategies:

- *DJUSD will collaborate with DF2SC to present a Waste Reduction Policy to the Governing Board by Spring 2008.*
- *DJUSD will endeavor to integrate responsibilities for maintenance of the waste reduction program into job descriptions for staff as appropriate, subject to necessary negotiations with certificated or classified staff.*

Goal #3: Provide education opportunities to promote a healthy lifestyle and develop the whole child

3A. DJUSD and Davis Farm to School Connection will work together to sustain existing learning garden environments, including instructional school gardens and other outdoor learning areas, at every school to the extent resources are reasonably available.

3B. DJUSD and Davis Farm to School Connection will work together to provide voluntary professional development opportunities for teachers to support using the campus environment (gardens, waste reduction program, cafeteria) as a context for teaching core academic standards, subject to the oversight and approval of the Director of Curriculum or similar position.

3C. DJUSD and Davis Farm to School Connection will work together to provide an educational farm field trip for every second grade student in the district.

Implementation strategies:

- *DJUSD will work with DF2SC and school site principals to designate areas at all school sites for gardens and outdoor learning areas.*
- *DJUSD and DF2SC will work with site principals and parent teacher organizations to develop a program, by 2010, to create a common approach to the VSA stipend or alternative compensation for a garden coordinator at each school site similar to the program in place for waste reduction site coordinators.*
- *DF2SC will assist in organizing regular meetings for school garden coordinators.*

Goal #4: Research and evaluate programs and provide information to the community

4A. DJUSD and Davis Farm to School Connection, with DF2SC in the lead, will work together to identify one or more community partners who can conduct a longitudinal study of the programs and their impact on student health and learning.

4B. DJUSD and Davis Farm to School Connection will work together to identify resources to further the agreed upon goals including collaboration on grant proposals as appropriate.

4C. DJUSD and Davis Farm to School Connection will report annually to the Board of Education and the community on progress towards these goals.

Implementation strategies:

- *DJUSD staff will be available for meetings with university and/or community researchers to discuss research design and evaluation, and will provide information to support research and evaluation efforts.*
- *DF2SC and DJUSD will work together with community partners, identified by DF2SC, to host forums on topics related to this agreement.*
- *DJUSD will include a link to DF2SC website on the district website, subject to DJUSD periodic review of the site content.*