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Dear Education Administrator,

Friends of Royal Oak Township, Inc. (FOROT), is pleased to announce our latest initiative: "Food: Not Just for Thought!" It partners FOROT with the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) in building advocacy support focused on healthy school meals and the Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR) moving through Congress.

Please consider this invitation for you or a representative to participate via a Zoom presentation. We are inviting all South Oakland County School District Superintendents and other policy and decision-making stakeholders. The presentation date is **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021, 10am-12pm EST**. We welcome the prospect of your district being represented.

Register is required, click here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpd-Gtrj8qGdBQ_hj1SwltVtDyER3mpQ54

FOROT has planned this Information Panel discussions specifically for local grass top education to garner information from national, state, and local food experts and advocates. The 2-hour information panel presentation will feature individual 30-minute panelist perspectives concluding with a joint interactive Q&A session. We have also scheduled a second panel for grassroots community-based stakeholders inclusive of teachers, health and food advocates, and parents. As our initiative entails activities in two overarching areas: lobbying and non-lobbying, stakeholders Interested in on-going participation are free to opt in or out accordingly.

More than 30 million children participate in the National School Lunch (NSLP) and School Breakfast Programs (SBP), and three quarters of the children in the school lunch program are from lower-income families. Improvements to school food are a key strategy to support every child's health. The COVID-19 pandemic is increasing national attention on the critical role that school meals have in feeding children in the United States.

In concert with CSPI, FOROT is spearheading activities and encouraging participation of districts, schools, parents, and other stakeholders in South Oakland County. These activities, related to CNR, target rulemaking for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to restore and update the science-based nutrition standards for school meals. Each panelist will offer a unique perspective of the parameters surrounding the health and nutrition of our children. Please feel free to contact us to express your interest in this far-reaching campaign for promoting good nutrition and health for our school-age children.

Questions and need for more information should be directed to: Cheikh Mbacké, Ph.D. (ABD), ACSW, Project Director at cmbacke@forot.org or (313) 549-1365.

For Our Children,

Brigitte R. Hall, President & CEO

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A Talk with Administrators

"FOOD: NOT JUST FOR THOUGHT!"

PANEL DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL MEALS AND NUTRITION

October 13, 2021 @ 10AM EST

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