



DATE: April 12, 2023

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Carmen Ghysels, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: Approve Agreement #22-1787-000-SG (CA Farm to School Incubator Grant Program - Track 1)

PRESENTED BY: Todd Rivera, Assistant Superintendent Chief Business Officer

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) will expand its partnership with the Tahoe Food Hub (TFH) to implement a climate smart farm to school program. The project will align local food for school meals with educational opportunities that focus on the important role that regenerative agricultural and locally grown foods have on the environment.

North Lake Tahoe is not an agricultural area. As a result, many students are at a higher risk of being disconnected from where their food comes from. TFH's local food system bridges that gap by bringing locally grown food from the Sierra Foothills and Northern California. This grant will give TTUSD and its partner, TFH, the capacity to teach students that no matter where they live, they need to think about who, where, and how food is produced and distributed and ensure it is equitable for all. This will be the educational focus for TFH both in the education garden and TTUSD classrooms. Tahoe-Truckee is extremely vulnerable to climate change from wildfires and drought. Snowfall has decreased which is needed to drive the tourist-based economy. This grant will enable TTUSD to support more farms using regenerative agricultural practices. By offering positive experiences in the cafeteria, in the classroom, and in the greenhouse garden, TTUSD hopes to lay the foundation for children to build eating habits that support healthy, productive lives.

The goal of this project is to expand TTUSD's farm to school program by increasing the procurement of local food, and matching that with educational opportunities to let students know where their food comes from and the importance of supporting local farms using regenerative farming practices.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: California Department of Food and Agriculture: \$138,657.60

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Attachment: Agreement #22-1787-000-SG