Date of Meeting: May 22, 2008
Title of Item: Action on Healthy Foods Certification
Agenda No.: 7.a.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION OR PRESENTATION OF INFORMATIONAL ITEM

X Action Requested

Informational Only

Submitted By: Mr. John Hopkins
Position: Director of Food Services
I will be present at Board meeting to explain if called upon:

X (Consent Agenda)

Yes No

Synopsis of Proposal:
The State Department of Education Child Nutrition Department requires school districts in Connecticut to certify on an annual basis whether they will comply with Section 10-215e of the Connecticut General Statutes. Section 10-215f requires that participants in the National School Lunch Program certify each year in its annual application to the CSDE whether all food items made available for sale to students will meet the nutrition standards.

For the past two years the administration has recommended opting out of Certification for the following reasons:
1. District administrators concerns about extending jurisdiction for enforcement of standards to fundraising, school stores and refreshment sales at school activities and events.
2. District’s ability to incorporate and comply with most of the nutrition standards recommended by the CSDE in our Procedure E-051.8 Wellness – Nutrition and Physical Activity.
3. The impact of full compliance on food offerings in the school lunch program, particularly at Greenwich High School.

Recommended Actions:
1. Authorize the Superintendent to opt out of Section 2 – Healthy Food Certification Statement (ED-099).
2. Authorize the superintendent to exempt schools from complying with the mandatory beverage provision of the statute (Section 1) as permitted by law: (1) such sale is in conjunction with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2) such sale is at the location of such event, and (3) such beverages are not sold from a vending machine or the school store.