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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, Nonpublic School Administrators, and Residential Child Care Institutions

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Free Salad Bars for Michigan Schools

Let's Move Salad Bars to MIDWEST Schools is a special campaign of the United Fresh Foundation, under the umbrella of the national *Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools (LMSB2S)* initiative. The goal of *Let's Move Salad Bars to MIDWEST Schools* is to increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption by donating salad bars to schools in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

School salad bars are an effective strategy to increase students' fruit and vegetable consumption and to help develop healthier eating habits. Salad bars are also an easy way for schools to meet the new nutrition standards for school lunch, which double the amount of fruits and vegetables served and emphasize a colorful variety.

It's easy for schools to apply for a salad bar. Visit www.saladbars2schools.org to complete an application. For information about *Let's Move Salad Bars to MIDWEST Schools*, contact Andrew Marshall at (202) 303-3407, amarshall@unitedfresh.org, or Diane Golzynski at (517) 373-3383, golzynskid@michigan.gov.

Attached are step-by-step instructions to apply for a free salad bar in each of your buildings participating in the National School Lunch Program. I hope that you will consider this great opportunity to further the health and nutrition education of your students.

Attachment

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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Let's Move Salad Bars to MIDWEST Schools

It's Easy for Schools to Apply for a Salad Bar

www.saladbars2schools.org

1. Any K-12 school or school district participating in the National School Lunch Program is eligible to apply for a salad bar.
2. Visit www.saladbars2schools.org to complete an application to receive a salad bar.
3. All applications must be submitted online by the school's Food Service Director/Child Nutrition Director and require approval from the district's Superintendent.
4. The application is short and easy, requiring information such as student enrollment, free and reduced participation percentage, and how your school food service will support the operation of the salad bar throughout the school year.
5. If you have questions about the application, email amarshall@unitedfresh.org.
6. When your school or district application is approved, it will be listed on the *Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools* website and, as funding becomes available, schools are notified and delivery details are confirmed.
7. Schools receive a Cambro portable 72-inch, 5-well insulated salad bar with pans and covers, chilling pads, serving tongs, and spoons. A Vollrath mechanically refrigerated salad bar is also available, if your school district or local health authority's code requires it.

