



Legislation Text

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To recognize and celebrate the leadership of Columbus City Schools and the many organizations who provided support for the launch of "Ohio Days: My Plate, My State" healthy eating campaign to incorporate local food as a part of a regular menu for the districts' more than 51,000 students.

WHEREAS, "USDA's My State, My Plate campaign" - was created to help Americans find healthy eating styles that work for them through small changes that they can maintain over time; and

WHEREAS, the "USDA's My State, My Plate campaign" expands upon this concept by focusing on local flavors, foods, and recipes - it is believed that local Foods and flavors help us to create lasting healthy eating styles which we can ultimately enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Days is a joint project between Columbus City Schools, the City of Columbus, OSU Extension's Farm to School program, and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, numerous agencies, organizations and industry groups; and

WHEREAS, 110 school cafeterias participated in the Columbus City Schools Ohio Days: My Plate, My State Farm to School initiative on January 25, 2017 - serving meals from local vendors which included turkey from Bowman and Landes family farm in New Carlisle, gravy and dressing from Sandridge Foods in Medina, apples from Bauman Orchards in Rittman, milk from United Dairy in Martins Ferry, and a salad mix from Waterfields, a hydroponic facility in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Schools is committed to continuing to serve local foods in its schools because providing food produced in Ohio gives them the opportunity to provide the freshest food for its students while supporting the State, its food system, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Schools Ohio Days: My Plate, My State will be repeated on a monthly basis to promote Ohio growers and producers - in fact the Columbus City Schools Ohio Days: My Plate, My State group has identified more than 20 companies with the capacity to meet Columbus City Schools' needs for local products including apples, turkey, chicken and beef products, shredded cheese, milk, corn tortillas, whole grain tortilla chips, lettuce, beans, carrots, potatoes, cucumbers, squash and peaches; **and now therefore,**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Days: My Plate, My State initiative is consistent with one of the goals of the Local Food Action Plan that was passed by Columbus City Council - as it encourages Public and institutional buyers to adopt and implement food purchasing policies to support increased purchases of healthy and local food, **now therefore,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate the leadership of Columbus City Schools and the many organizations who provided support for the launch of "Ohio Days: My Plate, My State" healthy eating campaign to incorporate local food as a part of a regular menu for the districts' more than 51,000 students.