Healthy Food Fuels Hungry Minds: Advancing Children’s Health In & Out of Schools | June 7, 2017

Objective: Make kids’ nutrition in Massachusetts the best in the nation

The Health Council partnered with Let’s Talk About Food and Harvard University Dining Services for this banner event! 250+ attendees heard from an impressive slate of experts on the following topics:

**Taxing Sugar: Why and How**
Marion Nestle, PhD, MPH, Paulette Goddard Professor of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health at New York University

**Key Focus Areas for Child Health In and Out of School**
**Spotlight on Sugar Sweetened Beverages**
Dariush Mozaffarian, MD, Dean Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy

**Marketing Food to Kids**
Steve Gortmaker, Professor of the Practice of Health Sociology. Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Prevention Research Center on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health

**A Conversation on Big City School Food**
Betti Wiggins, Officer of Nutrition Services, Houston Independent School District
Laura Benavidez, Executive Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Boston Public Schools

**Fringe School Food**
After school, nights, weekends, and alt operations
Joanne Lennon, Food Service Director, Chicopee Public Schools
April Laskey, Food Service Director, Billerica Public Schools
Lynn Petrowski, Food Service Director, Hanover Public Schools
Lauren Cook/Grace Lichaa and Jeffery Greenberg, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston

**Current Outlook on Food Policy & Funding In and Out of Schools**
Emma Clippinger, Clinical Fellow, Food Law & Policy Clinic, Harvard Law School
Teaching Health Habits in Schools that Carry out of the Classroom/Culinary Literacy
Janice Watt, SNS, Food Service Director, Foxborough Public Schools
Jeanne Reilly, Food Service Director, Windham Raymond Maine Schools
Laurent Adamowicz, Eradicate Childhood Obesity Foundation

Changing Perceptions & Attitudes About School Food
Helping advocates and champions understand both the challenges but also the ways they can HELP their school food program tout their successes
Janice Watt, SNS, Food Service Director, Foxborough Public Schools
Mara Fleishman, CEO, Chef Ann Foundation

Increasing Breakfast Participation, The Massachusetts School Breakfast Report Card
Andrea Silbert, President, Eos Foundation

Understanding school food funding for non-SN Directors
Maria Hall, Food Service Director, Walpole Public Schools
Jeanne Sheridan, Food Service Director, Acushnet & Blackstone Schools
Kristin Morello, Food Service Director, Reading & Wakefield Schools

School Wellness Committee Engagement
Sandra Widland, Parent
Rob Leshin, Director of Nutrition Programs, MA Dept. of Education
Deb Spinelli, Superintendent, Foxboro Public Schools
Liz Murphy, Principal, Sharon Public Schools

Getting to the State House - Turning Ideas into Policy
Senator Jason Lewis, Democrat - Fifth Middlesex
Allyson Perron Drag - Senior Government Relations Director, American Heart Association and American Stroke Association
Catherine D’Amato - President & CEO, The Greater Boston Food Bank

Town Hall Discussion: Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax Discussion
Where should the money go? How can we all be involved?