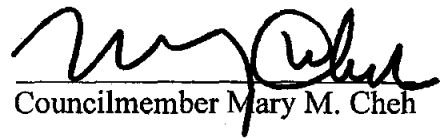
  
Chairman Vincent C. Gray

  
Councilmember Mary M. Cheh

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Councilmember Mary M. Cheh and Chairman Vincent C. Gray co-introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To establish local nutritional standards for school meals, to establish healthy vending, fundraising, and prize requirements in public schools, to require public schools to participate in federal meal programs to the greatest extent possible, to solicit feedback about healthy meals, to require disclosures of ingredients and allergens in school meals, and to provide at least 30 minutes to eat lunch; to establish a farm-to-school program, to create a preference and a monetary incentive to serve foods that are locally-grown, locally-processed, and minimally-processed from growers engaged in sustainable practices, to require teaching about the economic, environmental, and nutritional benefits of fresh, local foods, to prohibit public schools from entering into contracts that prevent the purchase of local foods, to require the disclosure of the origin of foods served in public schools, to provide for grants to create a local farm-to-school distribution system, to establish a local flavor week and a harvest of the month programs, and to require an annual report and recommendations on farm-to-school initiatives; to establish minimum levels of physical education and activity for students, to provide for exemptions for students with disabilities, students with chronic health problems, or schools that lack the facilities, to prohibit physical education to be used as punishment, and to require an annual report about the compliance with these requirements; to amend the Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007 to establish a recycling program at each school, to amend the Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007 to establish a composting program at each school, to create a pilot composting program, to encourage schools to use more sustainable products in their meal service, to require an annual report and recommendations on sustainability, to amend Titles 18 and 20 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to prohibit vehicles from idling near schools, to implement the Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools program, to amend the Green Building Act of 2006 and Title 20 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to encourage school construction to achieve LEED Gold certification, to establish a school gardens program, to issue grants to support the development of school gardens, to require

a report and recommendations about school gardens, and to permit the sale and consumption of food grown in school gardens when safe; to require schools to collaborate to adopt local wellness policies and update them triennially, to require the inclusion of sustainability and farm-to-school initiatives in local wellness policies, to require local wellness policies to be promoted and shared, to empower the State Superintendent of Education with the authority to verify compliance with their local wellness policies, to require a plan to place a school wellness center at every comprehensive DCPS high school by 2015, to amend the District of Columbia Public School Nurse Assignment Act of 1987 to give preference after October 1, 2010 in hiring school nurses certified as asthma educators, to require that schools develop allergy plans and appoint an allergy coordinator; and to establish a Healthy Youth and Schools Commission, to define its function, to require an annual report and recommendations, to set forth the composition and organization of the commission, to define its rules of procedure and powers, and to provide administrative and technical support.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Healthy Schools Act of 2009".

#### **TITLE I – Definitions**

##### **Sec. 101. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this act:

(1) "Locally-grown" means from a grower in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

(2) "Locally-processed" means processed at a facility in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

(3) "Meals" means breakfast, lunch, and after-school meals served as a part of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Service Program.