

## **TLC Culinary Services Proposal**

**Background and Rationale:** TLC Staff and Students propose to transition from participation in the Federal School Lunch Program to a school-based model incorporating community partnerships and on site staff to provide food services through a culinary instructional program.

- TLC staff have collaborated with Sullivan University's Culinary Studies program staff to develop curriculum, identify and select school-based instructional staff (a trained and experienced Chef), and will continue in an advisory capacity.
- A number of community partners have pledged support in the way of goods and services, and Locust Trace AgriScience Farm staff has pledged to provide fresh food products raised as a part of their Agricultural Science program. In addition, staff have collaborated with community partners to create a business plan that includes not only providing meals for TLC students, but also catering for local events, and providing "pick up" meals for FCPS staff.
- TLC staff has collaborated with FCPS Food Service staff to generate cost projections of providing food services at TLC, and adequate funds have been reserved as a precaution to ensure every student at TLC will be provided meals.
- TLC and FCPS Food Service staff has collaborated to develop a transition plan for the first semester of the current school. TLC staff proposes to begin providing their own food services, outside the Federal School Lunch Program, in January 2015.

Cost	Funding source	Expected Impact
The TLC culinary initiative will be self-sustaining. TLC staff have reserved approximately \$35K as a safeguard to ensure students are fed (estimated single semester costs are approximately \$18K).	N/A	Students participating in The Culinary Arts Program will not only learn culinary skills, but core academic learning will be provided in that context as much as possible. Students will also participate in entrepreneurial activities as they work together to develop the TLC program in the same fashion they would develop a culinary business.

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**Recommendation:** A motion is in order to:

“ approve The Learning Center at Linlee's staff request to withdraw from the Federal School Lunch Program beginning January 6, 2015, and allow them to implement and further develop their planned Culinary Arts initiative”

