

A circular wreath of botanical illustrations surrounds the central text. The wreath includes various plants: a large red leaf, a green leaf with a white vein, a fern frond, a cluster of small pink flowers, a large green leaf, a cluster of orange flowers, a large red leaf, a purple flower, and a large green leaf. The background is a light blue-grey color.

School Food Envisioning, Networking & Discussion

School Food How-To Guide 2024

The Plan



- Work in your table groups.
- Assign a note taker and someone to share back your discussion points to the group at the end
- You will be given 5-15 minutes to discuss each question – we're keeping it flexible so if a topic is exhausted after 5 minutes we can move on. The entire process should take 45-60 minutes depending on the # of table groups we have.
- Think about "SCHOOL FOOD" in terms of daily meal and snack programs as well as food literacy learning that might be happening in the school - gardening or cooking programs, nutrition education, food science, outdoor education, educational events like Nutrition Week, The Big Crunch, etc.



Strengths

In terms of school food programming, what is your school doing well?

(consider resources, staff, initiatives, or plans that are powerful, important or useful)

5-7 min



Opportunities

In terms of school food programming, what are the areas where your school could grow or improve? What do you think are the needs of the school community that are not being met?

(consider what is missing, or what resources/staff/initiatives or plans can use some work or improvement, how are current programs meeting student need?)

5-7 min



Ideal Food Program

If you could do anything (regardless of financial or other resources) what would make your school food program ideal?

Dream big.

5-7min



Share Back What Your Table Discussed With the Whole Group

2-3 minutes per table





Back in your table groups: Next Steps



Consider what you discussed at your table and what you've heard from the whole group. What would be some realistic next steps that your school could take to move toward an ideal school food program?

(break down your pie-in-the-sky ideas, and consider what you've learned from other tables to determine some tangible things you could actually try to implement in the next year)

10-15 minutes



Share Back Your Next Steps with the Whole Group

2-3 minutes per table





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food programs at our school?

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