

News Release: USDA-FNS Administrator Visits Oxon Hill HS

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD – On October 23, USDA Food and Nutrition Services Administrator, Audrey Rowe, visited Oxon Hill High School to celebrate the healthy and tasty meals offered daily by PGCPs. Extending the goal of National School Lunch Week, which was celebrated from October 13-17 and themed “Get in the Game with School Lunch,” Rowe enjoyed lunch with students, discussed the importance of balancing healthy eating and physical activity, and listened to their sentiments about the recent changes to their school meal program.

“You’re my customers and I’m here today to hear what you think about school lunch,” said Rowe. “Your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions are needed for when we sit down to develop policies that help support your healthy lifestyles.”

School lunch is an important part of a student’s health, development, and academic success. Congress passed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act in 2010 to help ensure every American child has access to the nutrition they need to grow into healthy adults. During National School Lunch Week, the USDA celebrates healthy strides and highlights innovative strategies to help schools nourish their students.

PGCPs participates in the National School Lunch Program and served over 12 million nutritious lunch meals last year.

“School lunches are healthier than ever, with more fruits and vegetables, more whole grains, and less fat and sodium,” said Joan Shorter, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, PGCPs. “It’s important that we take the momentum from National School Lunch Week and continue to inform the community about the healthy options our students have for lunch.”

“This is why we’ve decided to celebrate National School Lunch Week throughout the entire school year,” she added.

Each month, PGCPs will organize a sports-themed school lunch activity at one of its schools, in hopes to increase school lunch participation.