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Dear Grassroots and Grass top Child Advocates,

Friends of Royal Oak Township, Inc. (FOROT), is pleased to announce our latest initiative: “Food: Not Just for Thought!” It partners FOROT with the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) in building advocacy support focused on healthy school meals and the Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR) moving through Congress.

Please consider this invitation for your organization and constituents to participate and become better informed via a Zoom presentation. The presentation date is **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021, 10am-12pm EST**. Advance registration is required. We welcome your presence and sharing this invitation widely among your staff, members, and constituency.

Click here to register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtd-2oqT4qH9McA3U8uYwyJiEj7bGAiRmR>

FOROT has planned this Information Panel discussions specifically for grassroots, community-based stakeholders, and parents to offer perspectives from national, state, and local food experts and advocates. The 2-hour information panel presentation will feature individual 30-minute panelist perspectives concluding with a joint interactive Q&A session. This initiative consists of activities in two overarching areas: lobbying and non-lobbying. Interested and participating stakeholders are free to opt in or out accordingly.

More than 30 million children participate in the National School Lunch (NSLP) and School Breakfast Programs (SBP), and three quarters of the children in the school lunch program are from lower-income families. Improvements to school food are a key strategy to support every child’s health. The COVID-19 pandemic is increasing national attention on the critical role that school meals have in feeding children in the United States.

In concert with CSPI, FOROT is spearheading activities and encouraging participation of districts, schools, parents, and other grassroots and grass top stakeholders. These activities, related to CNR, target rulemaking for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to restore and update the science-based nutrition standards for school meals. Each panel presentation will provide a broader understanding of the parameters surrounding the health and nutrition of our children.

Please feel free to contact us to express your interest in this far-reaching campaign for promoting good nutrition and health for our school-age children.

Questions and need for more information should be directed to: Cheikh Mbacké, Ph.D. (ABD), ACSW, Project Director at cmbacke@forot.org.

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“Rooted in the Community”



A Talk with Community Stakeholders

"FOOD: NOT JUST FOR THOUGHT!"

PANEL DISCUSSION ON
SCHOOL MEALS AND NUTRITION
October 20, 2021 @ 10am-12pm EST

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