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Massachusetts Food Security Infrastructure Grant (FSIG)
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR)
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RE: Letter of Support for the Public Schools of Brookline Food Services Department – FSIG Application

Dear Members of the Grant Review Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Public Schools of Brookline Food Services Department's application for the Massachusetts Food Security Infrastructure Grant. This initiative is vital for enhancing our school nutrition program and aligns with our district's values and the Commonwealth's food security goals.

The Brookline Food Services Department has shown impressive leadership, focusing on sustainability and nutrition by moving towards a 50% plant-based menu and expanding local procurement. The requested funding will help replace outdated kitchen equipment and purchase a refrigerated van, both of which are crucial for improving efficiency and delivering more local, nutritious meals.

This project has the full backing of the School Committee and represents an investment in our students' well-being and our commitment to climate-conscious public service. I urge you to award this grant to the Brookline Food Services Department to support their innovative work in school nutrition.

Sincerely,

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