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Waterford School District Food & Nutrition Services Recognized at White House Reception

October 21, 2011, Waterford, Mich. –Waterford School District Food and Nutrition Services was recently recognized by attending a reception, hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama, at the White House, on Monday, October 17, 2011. School Districts across the nation were applauded at this reception for participating in the HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC), a voluntary national certification initiative for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

The HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) supports First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move campaign by recognizing schools that are creating healthier school environments through their promotion of good nutrition and physical activity. Sponsored by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), the initiative encourages all schools take a leadership role in helping students to make healthier eating and physical activity choices that will last a lifetime. Schools, such as Sandburg Elementary that champion the HUSSC work hard to make changes to their school nutrition environment in order to (1) improve the quality of the foods served, (2) provide students with nutrition education, and (3) provide students with physical education and opportunities for physical activity.

The visit to the White House featured cooking demonstrations from White House chefs and music from Navy and Marine bands. Honorees mingled with the Obama's personal trainer Cornell McCellan, members of the Let's Move! Team and representatives from the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition, including gymnast and Olympic Gold Medalist Dominique Dawes. Refreshments of apple cider and a variety of famous Washington apples were served on the White House lawn.

Several representatives from the Waterford School District attended the event including Food and Nutrition Services Director Robert Brady, Finance Director Bill Holbrook, Food and Nutrition Services Manager Doreen Simonds, Sandburg HUSSC Gold Winners Principal Steve Garrison, and Teachers Autumn Frazier and Pam McCreery. The trip was funded through the HUSSC award.

The Waterford School District Food and Nutrition Services have received awards for seven elementary schools and have submitted applications for the remaining seven. The Waterford School District adheres to the Michigan nutrition stands which apply to HUSSC regulations in all school cafeterias.

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