

SFM PETITION UPDATE – MARCH 2009

Dear Supporters

First of all, a big thank you to you all for signing the SFM petition for fresh sustainable food in Richmond schools.

PROGRESS

Having consulted widely with schools and through this petition, I was able to meet with Cllr Eady (Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education), Michael Doust (Sustainability Manager) and Matthew Paul (Children's Services). The meeting was held last Tuesday at York house and it was agreed that the LA would form a working party of parents, head teachers and school governors to look at the current meal service and look ahead to the next contract in 2011. An officer, Richard Portas, has been assigned to work on this initiative.

Cllr Eady has issued the following statement:

"I am very glad to have met with Stephanie Wood and I and colleagues look forward to working further with her to realise our joint aspirations of raising the standards of school food, and of increasing pupil awareness about food production and sustainability.

"Children do better with good, healthy food and our aim is to provide even better delicious, nutritious school food at a price that is value for money for their parents".

We still have a long way to go to realise our four goals, but this is a start.

UPDATES

I am keen not to fill your inboxes with updates, so you can follow the progress of the campaign by clicking on this link to our brand new blogspot.

<http://schoolfoodmatters.blogspot.com/>

If you'd like more regular updates, you can subscribe to blog postings through this site.

SUPPORT

It is important that we continue to gather support for this campaign, so please forward the link below to anyone living in Richmond. The more signatures we have, the stronger the message.

Thanks for your support so far.