



**Middlesex County Food Organization & Outreach Distribution Services**

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Supuerintendent of Schools

**Re: 2017 Spring Food Drive**

Dear Superintendent:

MCFOODS invites you and your students to make a difference in the lives of Middlesex County residents by participating in our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual, 2017 Spring Food Drive. Last year more than 42 tons of food was generated through the 120 public schools, private schools and daycares that participated in this drive.

We rely on the generous support from schools, businesses and organizations to help us keep our shelves stocked throughout the year. We hope that you will consider supporting MCFOODS in our effort to provide to those less fortunate in our County through the local food pantries, soup kitchens and social service providers in our network.

If you wish to participate, students should bring their donations in between March 13<sup>th</sup> & March 24<sup>th</sup>.  
**To assist with the food collection MCFOODS will provide each of the schools with:**

- Green plastic containers with lids for storing donations
- Flyers that can be posted and/or reproduced for distribution to the students
- A bag for each student to take home and fill with their food donations
- The above materials will be delivered between Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- MCFOODS will collect all food donations between March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Students may enjoy participating in creative projects that coincide with the food drive, such as: making posters, creating collection boxes, counting cans, weighing food, sorting cans into food groups, creating a CANstruction project, or having competitions between grades or classrooms for bringing in the largest amounts of donations. We also encourage you to utilize social media to promote the collection within your school community and please don't forget to like and follow the MCFOODS pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and tag us in any of your posts.

We hope you find this project worthy of your students' participation and that together we can make a difference! **Please return the enclosed response form to us by February 17, 2017.**

Respectfully,

*Blanquita B. Valenti*

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