

## RESEARCH REQUEST FORM

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Organization: Partnership for the Public Good on behalf of the Good Food Buffalo Coalition

Description: We are working to bring the Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP) to Buffalo Public Schools. This program uses institutional procurement power to promote five values in the school food system: nutrition, local economies, environmental sustainability, valued workforce, and animal welfare.

Research: As we move this initiative forward, we need to be able to understand and incorporate into policy the values, perspectives, needs, and experiences of our key constituents: students, parents, community members, labor along the food chain (particularly school food service staff and farm workers), and minority/people of color food-related business owners and growers. While we have been able to gather bits and pieces of this information, we do not have the capacity to conduct an overarching study or to distill information gathered into policy recommendations.

Title: Considering the Good Food Purchasing Program in Buffalo

Date: No, but it would be ideal to have it completed by September 2019.

How: This research will guide us as we work to formulate GFPP policy with the Buffalo Public Schools Board of Education. It will also help us to incorporate a system of accountability that is based on and engages with the community and its concerns.

Others: The partners of the Good Food Buffalo Coalition, which is led by Massachusetts Avenue Project and supported by Partnership for the Public Good.

Resources: We can offer connections to our partners and to various people who might be good entry points for a snowball interviewing process. We can also offer research support from Jessica Gilbert, a research associate at Partnership for the Public Good who has been supporting the efforts to bring the GFPP to Buffalo.