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A Local Law in relation to requiring the department of education to report on implementing scratch-cooked school food service

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Scratch-Cooked School Food Service. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Department. The term “department” means the department of education.

Scratch-cooked food service. The term “scratch-cooked food service” means food service that prioritizes the preparation of meals or snacks on a daily basis at or near the site of consumption with ingredients in their most basic form.

b. No later than 180 days after the effective date of this local law, the department shall submit to the speaker of the council a report regarding its efforts to implement scratch-cooked food service in all schools in the city school district of the city of New York. Such report shall:

1. Describe the department’s efforts, including, but not necessarily limited to, those made in partnership with any external provider, to implement scratch-cooked food service in schools, including a list of the schools in which such efforts have been made, a list of any such external providers, and an assessment of the effect of such efforts on participation in, and satisfaction with, school food services and waste of school-provided food;

2. Describe the department’s efforts to accommodate the special dietary needs of participants of scratch-cooked food service, including the department’s consideration of the cultural customs of food service participants in meal planning;

3. Describe the department's efforts to provide age-appropriate nutrition education to students, in particular in connection with scratch-cooked food service, toward the goal of improving students' understanding of the role of nutrition in physical and mental health; and

4. Identify barriers, if any, to the department's ability to implement a city-wide scratch-cooked food service program that incorporates culturally appropriate meals and age-appropriate nutrition education.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately and is deemed repealed 120 days after submission of the report required by section 1 of this local law.

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