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**HISD students have chance to help decide next year’s cafeteria options**

*October 22, 2013* – Cheesy garlic bread sticks. Chicken stuffed with broccoli and cheese. Pollock fish crusted with sweet potatoes. Pita pockets with honey and oven roasted turkey and cheese melts. Sweet potato pancakes, French toast sandwiches and empanadas.

Is your mouth watering yet?

These items and dozens of others can be sampled Oct. 24 at HISD’s first-ever, district wide Nutrition Innovation Food Show. The event is designed to showcase innovative and nutritious products being considered for HISD campuses, while also letting students and parents provide feedback as to what they’d like to see offered in school cafeterias.

In addition to sampling the food products, students also will be able to talk to suppliers, ask them questions about their offerings and analyze ingredient lists.

“We want kids to know they are valued and their opinion is important. If they don’t accept our food products, we’ve missed the boat,” said Brian Giles, senior administrator for HISD Food Services. “It will be a fun opportunity for all in the community to come together and meet the people of food services.”

**The Nutrition Innovation Food Show is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 24 at the Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel, 3000 North Loop West.** The Waltrip High School Jazz Band will play at the event. All attendees will be eligible to win raffle prizes. Parking is free.

Students are encouraged to attend with their family and friends and sample the food items provided by more than 40 vendors. They then will follow up with an evaluation form, giving each item a thumbs up or a thumbs down.

That feedback will be used by Food Services to help determine which items will be added to the food bids for the 2014-2015 school year.

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