

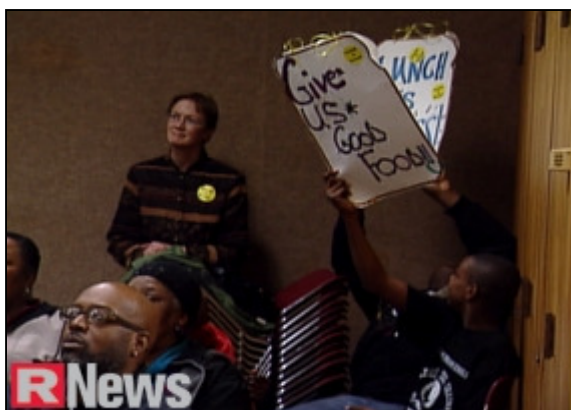
## Advocates Rally for Better School Food

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Some students, parents and health advocates want better food for the children of the Rochester City School District.

At the school board meeting Thursday night, they called for healthier, more nutritious choices.

The school district's food service contract with Chartwells is up for renewal in June. Rachael Pickering from Finger Lakes Health Systems says, "We are here advocating for improved school food. Particularly, with the new school food contract that is coming out and up for bid. Making sure it is kid-friendly, and nutritious and healthy for all of our kids in the district."



"We're looking at the menu items, making them more nutritious; looking at 1 percent milk instead of whole milk, that sort of thing," added Jim Fenton Sr., Director of Operations. "In addition, we're looking at investing in the amount that we spend for a meal itself."

People also protested before the meeting. The event is part of the Healthi Kids initiative ... A coalition advocating for better school food and safer, more accessible areas of play.

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