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Nation's first school district to serve 100% organic and non-gmo meals
Sausalito Marin City School District and Turning Green set a new standard

Sausalito, CA – August 17 Sausalito Marin City School District will be the **first ever 100 percent organic and non-GMO (genetically modified organisms) school district in the country**. More than 500 students at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy (in Marin City with Conscious Kitchen Executive Chef Shaun Dayton) and Willow Creek Academy (in Sausalito with Head Chef Guillaume Pfahl) will eat sustainably sourced meals prepared on-site through a program called The Conscious Kitchen. The programs both get under way with the first day of school on August 27th.

Sausalito-based nonprofit [Turning Green](http://TurningGreen.org) launched The Conscious Kitchen pilot program in August 2013 in partnership with Justin Everett, Executive Chef of Cavallo Point Lodge, the Sausalito Marin City School District, Whole Foods Market and Good Earth Natural Foods. The pilot served 156 students at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy in Marin City, a low-income community located five miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge. In two years, the program resulted in a steep decrease in disciplinary cases, increased attendance and a greater sense of community. As a result of this success, The Conscious Kitchen will expand to serve Willow Creek Academy (with local supporting chef, Tera Ancona of Cibo Sausalito), the second school in the Sausalito Marin City School District beginning August 2015.

... Superintendent Sausalito



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and non-gmo meals.



A photograph of several green bell peppers growing on a plant in a garden. The peppers are large and vibrant green, surrounded by lush green leaves. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the garden and some soil.

Press Highlights

- They all note that this is the first school district in the nation to achieve this milestone
- It's all thanks to the hard work and commitment of staff at Bayside MLK Academy

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SCHOOLS READY TO GO 100 PERCENT ORGANIC: California's Sausalito Marin City School District will become the first in the country to provide meals that are 100 percent organic and non-GMO later this month, reports Judi Shils, the executive director and founder of Turning Green. She hopes others will soon follow suit.

Shils told MA her firm, which is managing the nutrition programs for Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy, a public school, and Willow Creek Academy, a public charter school, is working directly with 10 farmers and six suppliers in the area to find necessary food items within a 150-mile radius. Cooking services will be provided by The Conscious Kitchen, another area firm. The schools will serve more than a combined 500 children, between kindergarten and eighth grade, accounting for more than 70,000 organic meals over the course of the year.

But Shils said she isn't worried. Marin County has one of the highest concentrations of organic farms in the country, she says. And the 156 children at the Bayside school have already been eating organic for two years as part of a pilot program managed by Turning Green. Thanks to donations, which helped cover the cost of chef salaries, the Bayside cafeteria got by on a budget of \$40,000 in its first year and \$37,000 in its second year, Shils said. The school replaced corn starch with tapioca flour. It steers clear of canola oil, using only organic olive and coconut oil. Read more here: <http://bit.ly/1gVRsXv>

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The Conscious Kitchen helped California's Sausalito Marin City School District become the first US school district to provide meals that are 100% organic and non-GMO.



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What if we could feed our students the nutritious, delicious and sustainably sourced food they truly deserve?

Well, when schools in the Sausalito Marin City School District open their doors this August, they will do just that, by becoming the first 100 percent **organic** and non-GMO (**genetically modified organisms**) school district in the country!



Students from Bayside MLK Academy in Marin City, California. Photo credit: Turning Green

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Example of lunch served at Sausalito Marin City School District.

One Marin County school district hopes to set a national example when it comes to healthy eating.

Sausalito Marin City School District started serving only organic and GMO-free meals to students this week, becoming the first school district in the nation to do so.

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SAUSALITO (CBS SF) — The Sausalito Marin City School District became the first school district in the nation Thursday to serve only organic and non-GMO meals, according to a nonprofit that helped launch a pilot [program](#) in the district in 2013.

Students at both Bayside MLK Jr. Academy in Marin City and Willow Creek Academy in Sausalito, the two schools in the district, ate all organic meals for the first time today, officials with the nonprofit Turning Green said.

ABC - on site story

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MARIN CITY SCHOOL SAYS IT'S FIRST IN US TO HAVE ALL ORGANIC LUNCHES



A school in Marin City says it's the first one in the country to have lunches that are 100 percent organic and non-genetically modified.

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MARIN CITY, Calif. (KGO) -- School lunches are undergoing a big change in Marin County. In fact, one school might be making food history. It says it's the first one in the country to have all organic lunches. And that's not all.

This is school lunch as a fine dining experience, with fresh flowers on each table and the chef sitting down to personally explain his menu; one he's made from scratch.

"For today's lunch we're having Italian herb roasted chicken," said the chef.

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California School District Becomes the First to Serve 100% Organic, Non-GMO School Lunches

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Starting this year, Sausalito Marin City School District will be the first in the nation to serve 100 percent organic, non-GMO **school lunches**. The school district is partnering with The Conscious Kitchen—a non-profit dedicated to providing kids with healthier eats—to implement a food program built on the foundation of fresh, local, organic, seasonal, non-GMO (FLOSN) food, according to EcoWatch.

The school district is made up of Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy, a public school with 156 kindergarten through eighth grade students, and Willow Creek Academy, a public charter school with 350 kindergarten through eighth grade students.

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California school district becomes first in US to go all-organic and non-GMO

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Conscious Kitchen program helps Sausalito Marin City School District serve healthier meals to students

Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu once said: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a first step." A new California-based program has taken the first step to transform school dining in the United States to organic, local, and non-GMO meals.

The Conscious Kitchen helped California's Sausalito Marin City School District become the first US school district to provide meals that are 100% organic and non-GMO.

The Conscious Kitchen was launched by Sausalito-based non-profit Turning Green to work with schools to help them implement meal programs based on five foundations: fresh, local, organic, seasonal, and non-GMO (FLOSN).

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