Advocating Framework for Food & Nutrition Service Departments

Speak confidently about your program by using the simple planning tool below and sample list of accomplishments/goals on page 2:

My name/role:

Step 1: Past
We are so proud of our accomplishment(s). These include...

Step 2: Present
This year, we are working towards the following goals...

Step 3: Future
Our vision is to...

Step 4: Assistance
You can support our success by...
Sample list of **Accomplishments** or **Goals**

**Meals**
- Introduction of a salad bar
- Expansion of fresh fruit and vegetable offerings
- Increase in the number of scratch-made menu items
- Taste testing of new recipes with students
- Addition of local foods to the menu
- Garden to cafeteria program
- Addition of a breakfast program
- Increase in scratch made breakfast items
- Increase in students choosing school lunch
- Addition of more minutes for students to enjoy their meal
- Increase in total pounds of produce served to students
- Reduction in food waste

**Exciting news**
- The partnership with the LiveWell@School Food Initiative
- Media attention, i.e. news stories, articles, interviews
- Special recognitions or awards

**Facilities**
- New kitchen equipment and how it is being utilized
- Cafeteria enhancements (new paint, lighting, seating, tables, refrigeration, renovation)
- Addition of a school food service food truck
- Addition of a smoothie cart or breakfast cart
- New serving methods, i.e. grab and go

**Staff and Training**
- Addition of a new staff member or chef to the team
- Upcoming visits by the School Food Initiative Consultants
- Culinary training that staff will receive or has received
- Collective years of training or experience

**Community Engagement**
- Eco friendly practices, i.e. composting, recycling
- School garden or farm to school partnerships
- Positive comments from students or staff about school meals
- Successful partnerships with community, student or parent groups, i.e. our Parent Teacher Organization purchased a food cart for us
- Events, i.e. Colorado Proud Day, Thanksgiving Feast etc.
- Other