

The Odyssey School

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As a principal in a public school, I understand the impact food choices have on our kids. I believe one of the roles of a school is to model best behavior for our children to learn from. By giving them only healthy snack options, we are telling our kids that we value their health and that making the right food choices matter.

I am aware that the legislature passed and the State Board of Education promulgated rules last year removing sodas from the vending machines in the schools. That was a good and important first step. SB 46 is a follow up to that and I urge you to support the legislation.

Thank you for all of the hard work you do for the state of Colorado. Please feel free to be in touch with any questions you may have.

Sincerely



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*Attached are
signatures from our
middle school students as well.
They are studying obesity
and want to have their
voice in the process.*

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