Collaborators
• District Administrators
• Building level food services staff and Administrative Assistant
• Building Principal, teachers, custodians and support staff
• Students and parents

Serving Strategy
• Grab n Go breakfast served after the bell from stations in the school hallways
• Students eat in classroom
• Seek student input on menu with taste testing
• Implementation of biometric finger scanners for breakfast service

Goals
• Remove physical barriers associated with eating breakfast at school
• Make breakfast menu more appealing to students

Results
• 2018-2019 Breakfast participation at Graham Middle School increased 90% over 2017-2018
• Less food waste with menu variety
• 3 week menu rotation and fully utilize USDA commodity foods for consistency and cost savings;
• NEW in 18/19 Breakfast on 2 hour delay days!
• Graham High School plans to implement breakfast after the bell from the hallway kiosks in fall 2019
• Attendance increased and tardiness decreased at Graham Middle School

Graham Local Schools have not passed a school levy the last three times on the ballot and drastic cuts have been made. These cuts left their schools with limited staff coverage for before the bell student congregation sites such as the cafeteria and auditorium. Knowing that breakfast is important to their students, the school moved breakfast from the cafeteria before the bell to kiosks in the hallways after the bell! Students now pick up breakfast from stations in the hallways and eat in their classroom. Student breakfast is $1.00 and at no charge for students eligible for free or reduced price meals. Graham Middle School now offers breakfast on 2 hour delay days as well.

The middle school was challenged with maximum occupancy limits of the café for fire code and student monitoring requirements. Because of this, the school found it necessary to split the before the bell morning gathering of students with 6-7 graders in café and 8th graders in the auditorium, creating a physical barrier to breakfast being available to all students. The financial constraints of the district along with creative thinking and collaboration drove change in breakfast service that had a positive impact on student participation and acceptance.