For many years, Scioto Valley Local School District offered breakfast in the cafeteria districtwide. Because of the location of breakfast service and time to eat breakfast, participation was low, especially at the JR/SR high school. In 2016-2017 school year, the district was eligible to serve breakfast and lunch at no-charge to students thru the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The district received a PBIC grant in November of 2017. Administrators and staff were on board to implement breakfast in the classroom so all students can eat and be prepared to start their day.

Beginning in February/March 2018, the district began to implement new serving strategies at the middle and JR/SR high school to increase access and participation in breakfast. Students pick up breakfast from kiosks in the hallway and eat breakfast in the classroom. Participation has increased by 22% at the middle school and 30% at the high school. Nurse visits related to hunger were down from 35 in 2017 to only 4 in 2018. Students enjoy the choices and hot meals two times per week. Principals report that breakfast in the classroom has led to improvement of overall health and well-being of students.

As a result of the success at the middle and JR/SR high, the district applied and received additional funding in July 2018. The district began implementation at the elementary school. Breakfast is bagged in the cafeteria, delivered to the classroom and students eat while teachers review the daily schedule. Participation at the elementary school increased 10% over the previous year.

...“Some teachers have seen a noticeable difference in academic success. Breakfast in the Classroom leaves more time for instruction and practice for students. It’s also a few more minutes for teachers to build and maintain relationships with their students.”

Krista Conley, Principal, Jasper Elementary School

“The breakfast program ensures multiple nutritious options which provide a direct correlation to focus and energy for our young people. In addition, our teachers and support staff do an outstanding job of supporting breakfast in the classroom on a daily basis.”

Jason Mantell, Principal, Zahn’s Corner Middle School

“Providing breakfast for our students gives them fuel for the day and improves their concentration and alertness. It makes it more convenient for the students to participate. The staff and student body have made breakfast in the classroom a success.”

Mr. Reuter, Jr/High School Principal