

Groveport Madison Schools Suburban– Groveport, Ohio Franklin County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators , Teachers, Students
- Child Nutrition, Bus Driver, Janitor
- Athletics, Nurse, Support Staff
- Community Partner/Food Bank/Pantry-Groveport Human Needs
- Volunteers

School District Instructional & Meal Options

- Virtual Instruction/Fall 2020-Virtual and Hybrid Option, November 2020 return to Virtual Instruction
- Lunch and Summer Feeding

Goals

- Ensure students attending virtual school had access to meal programs.
- Collaborate with district, building staff and local food bank to distribute meals to students.
- Communicate the methods of meal distribution to district families.
- Include hot food on the menu and reheating instructions to ensure hot food choices are available to students.

Results

- Districtwide meal participation increased by 360 meals per day.
- Increased district feeding sites by adding 8 community sites to reach all students in the community.

Groveport Madison Schools closed the district on March 13, 2020 and immediately went to virtual instruction due to the pandemic. On March 16th, the food service department developed a plan for distribution of meals at all 7 district buildings. The district had to quickly make adjustments in meal service and staffing needs and communicate those changes to families. Food service staff were relocated to other district buildings to prepare and serve meals. The communication director placed messages on the website and sent automatic notifications to families to inform them of the new distribution plan for meals.

The district chef and head cooks worked together to develop menus that included hot entrees and vegetables so students would have hot choices. The district purchased new serving units that could accommodate hot items and the chef included instructions for reheating meals at home.

The district is spread over 40 square miles and includes urban, suburban and rural communities. The district recognized the need to distribute meals to students in outlying areas. Food service enlisted the support of transportation and the local food bank, Groveport Human Needs, to add 8 additional sites to reach all students throughout the district.

In April, a parent notified the department that working families couldn't pick up their meals at the community sites. The district responded by offering evening distribution from 4 to 5 pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday's at the High School.

In June, the food service department continued the partnership with Groveport Human Needs to offer the summer feeding program. Volunteers of Groveport Human Needs provided staffing at 2 kitchens to assist in preparation of meals.

In October, the district went to hybrid instruction and offered meals 4 days a week at school. By November, the district went back to a virtual instruction and continued the plan from the spring, providing meals at all 7 district buildings and offering meals at the 8 additional sites in partnership with Groveport Human Needs.

As a result of the collaboration between district departments and the community partnership with Groveport Human Needs, meal participation increased by 360 meals per day. The district hopes to work with Groveport Human Needs for the summer of 2021, expanding the number of feeding sites and volunteers in order to reach students in all communities throughout the district.



Dunloe Elementary Groveport Madison

