

Joseph Badger Local School District Rural, Kinsman, Ohio Trumbull County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators
- Child Nutrition, Transportation

School District Instructional & Meal Options

Spring 2020-Virtual Learning

- 5-day breakfast and lunch meal packs

SY 2020-2021-Virtual and In-Person Learning

Virtual

- 5-day breakfast & lunch meal packs-drive thru delivery

In-Person Learning

- Elementary-breakfast and lunch meals in the classroom.
- High School-breakfast is delivered by the principal to eat in the classroom.
- Middle and High School lunch is served in the cafeteria.

Goals

- Ensure student safety and access to breakfast and lunch meals.

Results

- Staff members collaborated to ensure students had access to quality meals.

Spring 2020- With the closing of all school districts, Joseph Badger School District worked as a team to determine logistics of preparation and delivery of meals so students received breakfast and lunch without interruption. Dedicated and compassionate staff members came together to make this happen. With careful planning and help of all staff, the district overcame challenges with availability of food and other products and the need for extra preparation/delivery time. As an example, the nutrition staff prepared and packaged meals, bus drivers bagged dry goods and teachers and principals helped to pass out the breakfast and lunch meals to parents.

SY 2020-2021- For families that attend school virtually, a system was devised for drive-thru meal pick up at their school. For students that attend in-person learning, the district implemented procedures for proper sanitation, cleaning of facilities, social distancing, masks and other protocol to reduce risk. Breakfast is served in the classroom and delivered by the principal at the high school. An additional lunch period was added at the middle and high school to decrease the number of students eating at one time and to ensure social distancing. A plan was even implemented for student movement where students never passed each other in the hallways.

At the elementary school, all students eat breakfast and lunch in the classroom. Students order meals in advance and the cafeteria staff deliver food directly to the classroom. Students arrive each morning with a customized breakfast on their desk! Elementary teachers are very supportive of breakfast in the classroom. Eating in the classroom allows more time for teachers to spend with students, to practice and reinforce ideas, and establish strong bonds and relationships between faculty and students. The plan is to keep breakfast in the classroom next school year.

Our superintendent says, "Of everything good this district is doing for our students and community, including changes in the way we teach, it is by far the distribution of food that is the best service we offer."