



## Breakfast & Beyond-2021

### Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators
- Child Nutrition, Transportation
- Mental Wellness Supervisor, ESL Supervisor
- Joshua's Place, St. Susann's Pantry, Comet Cupboard, Network of Care/Schuh Center

### School District Instructional & Meal Options

SY 2019-2020- Virtual Instruction

- Prepared mobile meal kits to distribute to student in their neighborhoods.
  - Distributed meals 2x a week: 5 breakfast and 5 lunches for each student.

SY 2020-21- In-person and Virtual Instruction

- Mobile meals for virtual instruction and children in the community- (1-18 years of age)
- In-person meals using proper sanitation and social distancing for 7,000 students

### Goals

- Collaborate with community partners to feed families and students throughout the district
- Provide a safe environment for students on-campus by using proper social distancing and sanitation protocol.
- Provide meals at no-charge districtwide.

### Results

- Participation in school breakfast increased from 4-5% to 15% in many schools throughout the district.
- Lunch participation has increased to 65% in most buildings.
- Students enjoy meals, especially fruits and vegetables. The school nutrition department hopes to maintain the new followers of school meals next school year.

*SY-2019-2020- In March of 2020, the school nutrition department learned that all students would learn virtually. Within 3 days, the department masked up, fired up production, assembled meal kits, and worked with transportation and bus drivers, to deliver mobile meal kits directly to students (age 1 thru 18 years) in their neighborhood. The nutrition department worked with Joshua's Place, St. Susann's Pantry and Comet Cupboard to continue the mobile meal kits for virtual learners beginning in SY 2020-2021.*

*SY 2020-2021- Beginning in August of 2020, the school nutrition department began feeding 7,000 students attending in-person learning using proper sanitation and social distancing protocol. With a grant, the district purchased a mobile cart to help service the 2,600 in-person students at Mason High School. The department created a Learning Commons Café in the media center to support extra seating and social distancing requirements for students. 3-sided plexiglass at POS stations and cafeteria tables were used to keep students safe. The plexiglass at tables also served as a way for the department to post announcements and food offerings to students!*

*The nutrition department made many adjustments during this time. The labor force decreased due to family and COVID concerns. The department modified food offerings and simplified tasks where possible. Nutrition staff continued packing and distributing up to 300 mobile meal kits, 2 days per week, offering each student, 5 breakfast and lunch meals weekly. To protect staff during inclement weather, the maintenance department put up a full tent to protect staff while distributing food. The Mason Youth Football organization provided a concession stand at one of the elementary schools to help with distribution of meals and protection of the nutrition staff.*

*Throughout the pandemic the nutrition staff have dedicated their time and efforts to help feed the school community. Meals are offered at no charge to all students. Participation of school breakfast increased to 15% and lunch participation increased to 65% at most buildings. This has been an outstanding accomplishment for the district. The school nutrition department hopes to continue the Learning Commons Café at the high school and to maintain the new followers of school meals throughout the district!*

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