

Pettisville Local Schools Rural, Pettisville, Ohio Fulton County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators, Teachers, Students
- Child Nutrition, Custodians, Support Staff
- Parents

School District Instructional & Meal Options

In-person Instruction

SY 2020-2021- National School Breakfast and Lunch Program

- Grab N Go to eat breakfast in the classroom districtwide
 - Carts available as students entered the building- cold items offered
- Switched to Seamless Summer Option, (SSO)
 - Students grab n go cafeteria to eat in the classroom
 - Hot items offered daily

Goals

- Ensure easy access to breakfast and social distancing during the pandemic.
- Provide breakfast at no charge by implementing SSO.

Results

- Breakfast participation increased 220% from 2,727 from (August-February, 2019-2020) to 8,824 (August-February 2020-2021). Breakfast increased by 6,097 meals served over the previous school year by implementing the new service method and offering meals at no charge.

SY 2020-2021: For safety of students during the pandemic, the district didn't allow students to enter the building until 8:00 am. Administrators and teachers agreed to switch breakfast from the cafeteria to a grab n go to eat in the classroom. Students received a cold breakfast grab n go bag as they entered the building. The space where students picked up breakfast was cleaned and sanitized daily by the janitorial staff.

The school nutrition department then switched to the Seamless Summer Option, SSO, to grant free meal access for all students. This provision helped families in need as well as helping the nutrition department to balance their budget. The district began serving a grab n go breakfast in the cafeteria offering a hot breakfast option daily. Students picked up their breakfast to eat in the classroom. Participation increased for both breakfast and lunch and reduced the stigma that may have existed.

Offering breakfast at no charge and utilizing a grab n go breakfast has increased participation in breakfast as well as providing a safe environment for students. More students are participating in school meals, providing nutritious meals and a safe environment for all students.