

#### WELCOME TO OUR WEBINAR

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- Visit our website to find more resources & webinars https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/



## Housekeeping

- Webinar is being recorded
- Recording + Slides
  - Located on Center for Best Practices website
  - Follow-up email
- Put questions in Q&A box

#### **Upcoming Webinars**

Student Voices on the Menu: Leading the Conversation on School Meals

Child nutrition programs often face challenges in engaging students. In this webinar, hear from inspiring student leaders who have worked with their schools to create successful programs where student voices are not only heard but valued. Learn how they've shaped initiatives that meet their needs and promote healthier, more inclusive meal options and more.

#### Speakers featured:

- Ezekiel from Sabinal ISD, TX
- Jada Curd, Burke County, Georgia. Sophomore at Vanderbilt University, Public Speaker
- Mel Jackson, Executive Director of The Josh Howard Foundation and student speaker
- Youth speakers from Fort Wayne Community Schools, Indiana

Register at:https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/webinars

#### No Kid Hungry Grant Funding Information

**Inquiry form**: <a href="https://www.nokidhungry.org/grant-inquiry-information">https://www.nokidhungry.org/grant-inquiry-information</a>

#### School Year 2024-2025 Granting priorities:

- Maximizing participation in the School Breakfast Program
- Expanding non-congregate feeding models in rural communities through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

How we prioritize grant funding: <a href="https://www.nokidhungry.org/no-kid-hungry-grants-how-we-prioritize-grant-funds">https://www.nokidhungry.org/no-kid-hungry-grants-how-we-prioritize-grant-funds</a>

No Kid Hungry is committed to addressing the systemic and structural inequities disproportionately impacting historically under-resourced communities. No Kid Hungry will prioritize funding to school districts in the following communities:

- Communities where 50% or more of the population identifies as Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American or American Indian, Asian, Hawaiian Native or Pacific Islander
- Communities where at least 60% of students are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals
- Urban & Rural communities where schools/school districts face unique challenges in addressing hunger
- Communities experiencing extreme economic hardship, determined through multiple data points
- Communities where members experience intersecting social and environmental inequities





# **Boosting Breakfast Participation: Breakfast After the Bell and Other Strategies**

Tuesday September 24th at 12:30 ET

Speakers:

**Lindsey Bradley**, Marketing Specialist, Austin ISD Food Service, TX

Vickie Coffey, Nutrition Services & Healthy Schools Director, RBB Edgewood Schools, IN

**Moderator**, Jeannine Rios, Senior Program Manager, No Kid Hungry



# **Agenda**

Welcome/Introductions

Panelist presentations

Q & A

Wrap up

#### No Kid Hungry



BREAKFAST



AFTERSCHOOL



NUTRITION PROGRAMS ALREADY EXIST TO FEED KIDS.



NUTRITION EDUCATION



No Kid Hungry collaborates with partners to make sure these programs reach more children with healthy meals every day.

SUMMER MEALS

# **Common Barriers to Breakfast Participation**

There are common barriers that prevent students from accessing school breakfast when it's served in the cafeteria before the start of the school day:

- Students don't arrive with enough time to eat before class starts.
- Stigma that school breakfast is for students from families with low-incomes.
- Middle and high school students may not be hungry first thing in the morning.
- The cafeteria location or set up is not convenient for or appealing to students.
- Students would rather socialize with their friends



#### Making breakfast part of the school day:



- Addresses the common barriers of traditional cafeteria breakfast.
- Ensures more students are able to start the day with a healthy meal.

Breakfast After the Bell: alternative service models that shift the time breakfast is served so that it's part of the school day and moves breakfast from the cafeteria to where students are, like classrooms and common areas:

- Breakfast in the Classroom
- Grab and Go
- Second Chance Breakfast



# **Boosting Breakfast Participation**

At Austin ISD





2024-25



#### **About Austin ISD**



- 72,000+ Students
- Supporting 100+ Languages
- 60% of Students Eligible for F/R Meals
- 114 On-Site Kitchens Serving 116 Schools
- 77 CEP Schools
- 550 Kitchen Employees
- Serving 10 Million+ Meals Annually
- Student Participation:
  - Serving 32% of Students at Breakfast
  - Serving 54% of Students at Lunch
- Focus Areas: Food Access, Meaningful Procurement, Scratch Cooking, Sustainability, Employee Wellness & Recognition







## **Breakfast at Austin ISD**



Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC)



Breakfast Carts/ Dispersed Dining



Traditional
Through-the-Line

# **Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC)**

- 44 schools (2 HS; 2 MS; 40 Elementary)
- Began implementing in 2014-15 school year and increased gradually
- District-supported: Included in past strategic plan; part of the culture

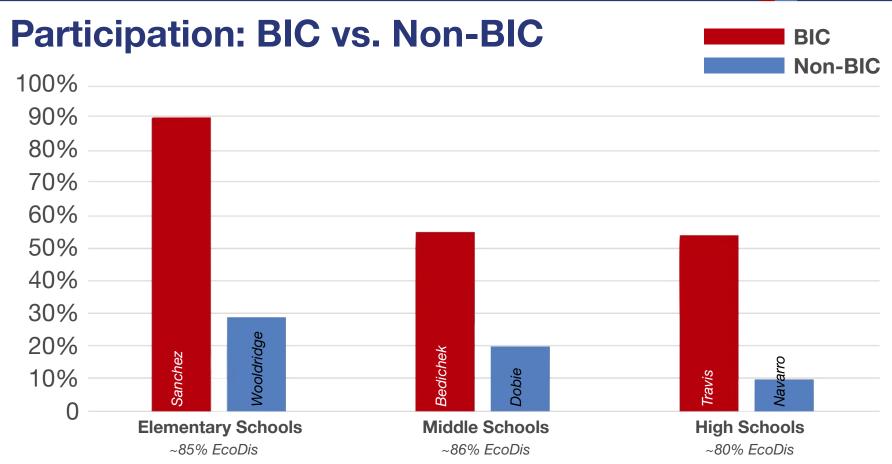














# **Secondary BIC Success**



#### **Akins Early College High School**

Serving around 1,200 breakfast meals in the classroom each morning!

~ 50% of enrollment

## **Breakfast Carts**

- 10 Mobile/Dispersed Dining Options (5 MS; 5 HS)
- CEP and Non-CEP
- Various styles
- New grant-funded and repurposed carts











#### Breakfast Carts - Take it Outside!

- Campus support and flexibility
- Creating a welcome environment
- Meeting students where they are, before the bell
- Grab-and-go as they head into school

Webb Middle School
~20% Increase in
Breakfast Participation
After Adding 1 Cart







## Menu

All menus are seasonal (Fall, Winter, Spring); Breakfast is a two-week cycle

- Mix of student favorites, scratch/speed-scratch items
- Prioritize protein
- Vegetarian options daily
- Cereal every day at all schools
- Trial-and-error: Monitoring take-rates and reevaluating products
- Branding and retail-like packaging/products







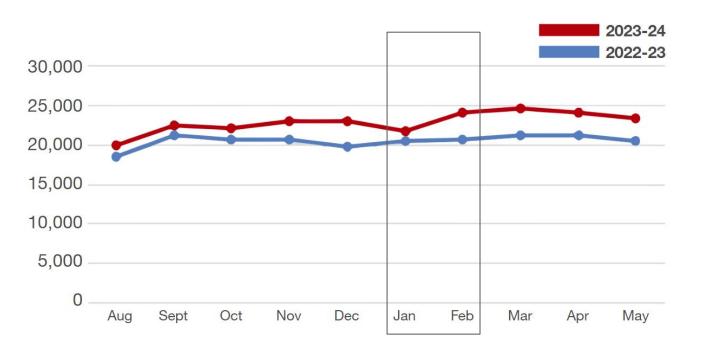








# **Expanded Menus = Success!**



# What happened in January?

- Middle Schools
   expanded menu from
   3 featured entrée
   options + cereal to
   5-6 featured entrées
   + cereal
- High Schools
   expanded menu from
   3 featured entrée
   options + cereal to
   7 featured entrées
   + cereal



# **Sample Menus**







## **Promotions**

- Build and maintain excitement around school breakfast
- Encourage more students and staff to eat school breakfast
- Introduce students and families to menus and foods











# **Back-to-School Nights**

- Required participation for all kitchen teams
- Provide samples of breakfast and lunch items
- Educate families on availability and healthfulness of meals







# Free Iced Coffee at High Schools



National School Breakfast Week

March 2024



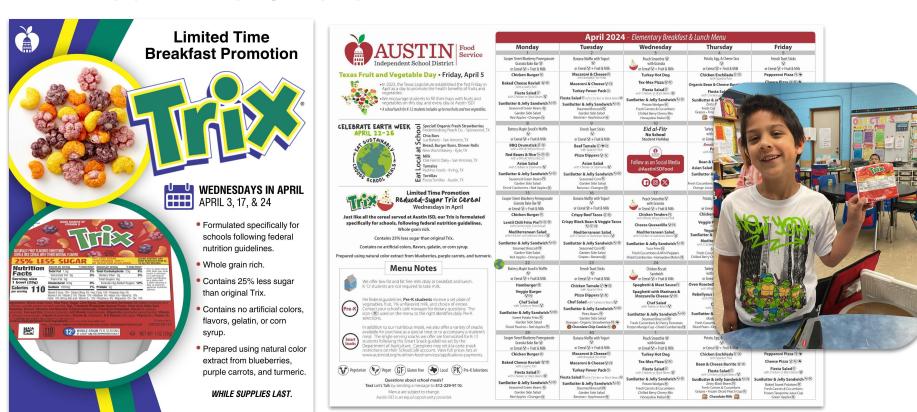
Finals Week May 2024



First Week of School August 2024



## **Limited-Time Offers**





# **National School Breakfast Week**

















### Kitchen/Staff Incentives

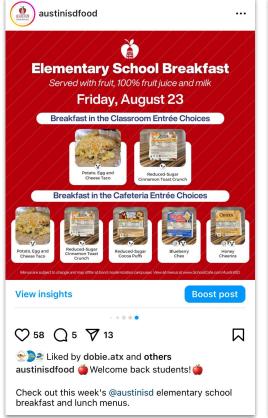
- Awarded the elementary, middle, and high schools with the highest percentage increase in breakfast participation during March
- Area Supervisor with highest increase in their territory was also awarded tickets to Austin FC soccer game







### **Social Media**











## What's Next?

- Nacho Average Food Truck returns!
- Program paused since 2020, will resume rotating between 14 high schools
- Breakfast menu will feature a variety of bagel sandwiches







# Thank you!

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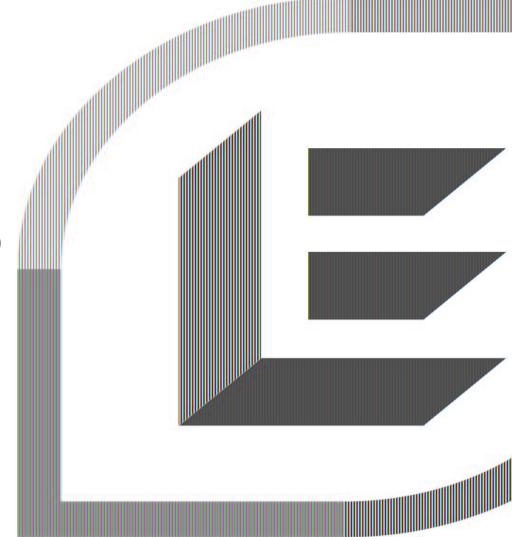
# **Questions?**

# **Lindsey Bradley**

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# RBB Edgewood Schools

- Enrollment 2,875
- 4 Schools, 1 Preschool
- F/R percentage 36.5%
- RBB goes FREE breakfast (2018)
- RBB goes FREE K-5
- Brk ADP Elem/JR 55%, HS 25%
- RBB goes FREE Summer Meals
- Lunch \$.40/R, \$2.70P
- 32 Nutrition Services Staff





SHERRI'S **SMOOTHIE STATION** Enjoy your RBB goes FREE **Breakfast Smoothie!** Today's flavor:

Breakfast Barriers: Money and Time

No-pricing breakfast started in 2019















Breakfast Barriers: Time and Money

Successful programs:

JR: High- 2nd chance breakfast EIS and EPS: front kiosk station





# Harness your Champions



https://www.wrtv.com/news/local-news/ monroe-county/rbb-edgewood-schoolsworks-to-remove-barriers-for-students-t o-eat-nutritious-healthy-breakfast

# EIS Breakfast Trends Since 2017

October Participation Numbers

October 2017 - 100 daily

October 2018 - 118 daily

October 2019 (RBB goes FREE Breakfast) - 249 daily

October 2022 - 288 daily

End of 22-23 year - 316 daily

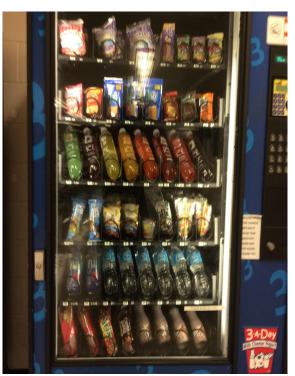
# Strategies Implemented to Increase Breakfast Numbers

2017 - 2023

- Breakfast survey for all kids- what do they like to eat?
- Breakfast options everyday hot and cold
- Breakfast "specials" such as biscuits and gravy
- Breakfast taken back to the classrooms
- "Fast Pass" lane for kids going straight to specials
- Make it enjoyable Music teacher monitors breakfast
- Addition of a kiosk at the front of the building (Spring 2023)













# **GRANTEE**

healthymealsincentives.org











#### Go\*Get\*Grants

https://www.nokidhungry.org/grant-inquiry-information

https://www.grants.gov

https://www.fns.usda.gov/schoolmeals/hmi

https://innovateschoolfood.org



https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/grants-support/

https://grants.tangeroutlet.com/

https://www.fuelup.org/funding-information



# Boost participation with promotions:

















#### **Vickie Coffey**

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Breakfast is the most important meal of the day because the body has been without food for 10 or 12 hours and should be supplied with nourishment for the mornings activities. Nutrition authorities recommend that we get from one-fourth to one-third of our daily food requirements at breakfast. Cereal breakfast Foods are a Basic 7 Food and should be included in your breakfast meal.



**Questions?** 



