SCHOOL FOOD MATTERS
Feeding Tomorrow's Leaders
Today’s Objectives

• Understand school lunch and the LiveWell partnership
• Highlight successes (and a few challenges) of our school lunch program
• Learn about future department goals and how you can support us
School Meal Participation

We serve [#] meals each day
- Breakfast: [#]
- Lunch: [#]
- Summer meals: [#]
- [List other programs]

Our Mission Statement: [insert here]
Why Healthy Food?

Facts:

– 22% of Colorado youth are overweight or obese*
– 26% of Colorado youth have experienced food insecurity at some point this year*

Video:

– Making the Case for Healthy, Freshly Prepared School Meals

We have an opportunity in our district to touch [#] students and staff every day with access to more healthy options to support their health and well-being. Health and successful academics are linked together and we are embracing the opportunity to enhance our program.

*Data source: 2016 Colorado Child Health Survey
A Key Partnership

*LiveWell’s School Food Initiative (SFI)*

The SFI partners with Food & Nutrition Service Departments to serve up freshly prepared menu items that are not only tasty, but healthy too! This is done by providing districts with the training and support needed to increase access to real food made in house with fresh ingredients.

[Share why you or your team are excited about the SFI]
Our Partnership with SFI

• LiveWell Colorado is a nonprofit organization that has partnered with over 90 school districts across the state.
• All tools, training and support have been provided at no cost.

It is the mission of LiveWell Colorado to increase access to healthy eating and active living by removing barriers that inequitably and disproportionately affect low-income communities and people of color.
Other Community Partners

This work cannot be done without the support of our community.

- Farmers or growers
- School garden teams
- Wellness team
- Parent groups
- Student groups
- Local business groups
- Non-profits
- Your team
- School admin or staff

[Add 2-3 points about any additional partners in your community you may want to spotlight that support your program’s success]
Where We Are Now

• New vendors
• Salad bar roll out
• New equipment
• XXXX
• XXXX
• XXXX
Successes

- Salad bar additions
- New menu items
- Homemade salad dressings
- Local produce, garden to school, local sourcing
- New partnerships
- XXX
- XXX
Challenges

- Participation
- Growth
- Equipment
- Funding
- Perception
- XXX
- XXX
What’s In Store For This Year?

• Increase participation
• Source more local produce
• Kitchen equipment upgrades
• XXX
• XXX
• XXX
The Road Ahead

We are in the process of modifying how our food service department sources and prepares food for our students. This change will be slow as we work with our partners, regulators, and vendors to improve the quality of our program.

– [Add 1-2 points about specific long-term goals]
How You Can Help

We are enhancing our program and our success will require the support of our partners and community members.

– [Add 3-4 actionable items targeted at your audience: parents, staff, admin, etc. Some examples may include:]
– Help us promote school lunch offerings to students.
– Come taste our lunch!
– Spread the news using your social media channels.
Thank You!

I am very grateful to my staff and the administration of [school/district name] as well as the parent and student community for your continued support.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” –Helen Keller
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