The Office of Food and Nutrition Services’ Cafeteria Enhancement Experience features deli-style serving lines and student-friendly seating.

One-third of cafeterias serving middle or high schools are completed or funded.

Completed (44)  
Funded (~150)  
Remaining (~400)

The next step for school food justice is to bring more modern and up-to-date cafeterias to NYC students.”

FAITH CATHERINE JONES  
Youth Food Advocates, Member

What I’ve seen overnight, literally, is the whole stigma of school food shift because of the mere presentation of the food.”

PRINCIPAL RASHAD MEADE  
Eagle Academy for Young Men Daily News, March 27, 2022

Now is the pivotal time for NYC to commit $200 million in capital funds to reach every high school and middle school student

Impact

Increased Participation

High schools with redesigned cafeterias experienced a 35% increase in lunch participation.

Cost-effective and quick

Costing around $500,000 per cafeteria and completed over a weekend. That’s $200 million needed for the ~400 cafeterias remaining that serve middle and high school students.

More Fruits & Vegetables Served

3x more bananas, peppers, and tomatoes, 4x more apples, carrots, and spinach; 5x more broccoli; and 30x more lettuce.

Equity for All

Research shows that school meals are the healthiest meals children eat, across all income levels; boost test scores; improve attendance; reduce racial health disparities and academic achievement gaps.

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