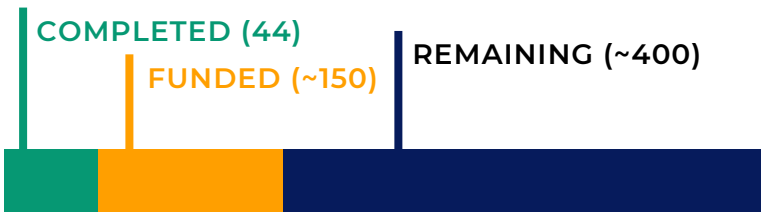


CAFETERIA REDESIGN EQUITY ACROSS NYC SCHOOLS



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.



MORE STUDENTS EAT IN STUDENT-CENTERED CAFETERIAS

To date, NYC DOE has redesigned 44 cafeterias serving over 72,000 middle and high school students.

Approximately 150 more cafeterias are in the works because the Lunch 4 Learning (L4L) coalition, led by Community Food Advocates, secured \$75 million in capital funds for the initiative.



“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.

MORE FRUITS & VEGETABLES SERVED



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

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.

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.