

CAFETERIA ENHANCEMENT EXPERIENCE

An initiative of the NYC DOE Office of Food and Nutrition Services

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SPEEDY SERVICE



Enhanced Serving Line



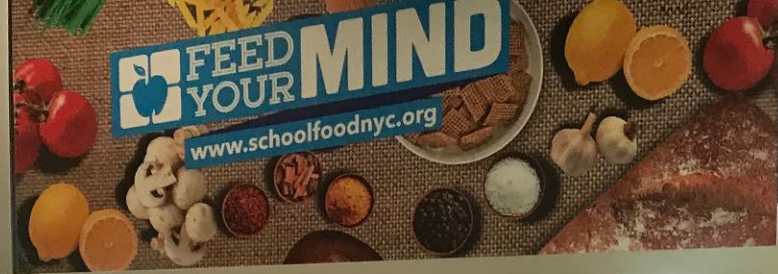




VARIETY ON A DAILY BASIS



Breakfast





Lunch

Hot and Cold Daily Options



Hot Daily Specials









Bins and Condiment Area

SOCIAL SEATING

BEFORE







AFTER











YOUTH VOICES

"I HAVE SEEN HOW THE STIGMATIZATION OF EATING SCHOOL LUNCH OR SITTING IN THE CAFETERIA HAS PREVENTED THE TYPE OF LIVELY SOCIALIZING A SCHOOL CAFETERIA SHOULD FOSTER."

-ELISHA VEREBES



"BY OFFERING RENEWED AND IMPROVED SCHOOL CAFETERIAS WHERE STUDENTS FEEL COMFORTABLE EATING THE SCHOOL FOOD, YOU CAN SUPPORT THE INTELLECTUAL GROWTH OF EACH AND EVERY STUDENT."

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"THE NEXT STEP IN THE BATTLE FOR SCHOOL FOOD JUSTICE IS TO BRING MORE MODERN AND UP TO DATE CAFETERIAS TO NYC STUDENTS."

-FAITH JONES



"WHEN MY FATHER WAS SICK AND MY MOTHER WOULD BE AT THE HOSPITAL WITH HIM, I HAD TO RELY ON SCHOOL FOOD. THIS OPENED MY EYES TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL FOOD BECAUSE IT WAS ACCESSIBLE TO ME AT THE TIME THAT I NEEDED IT THE MOST."

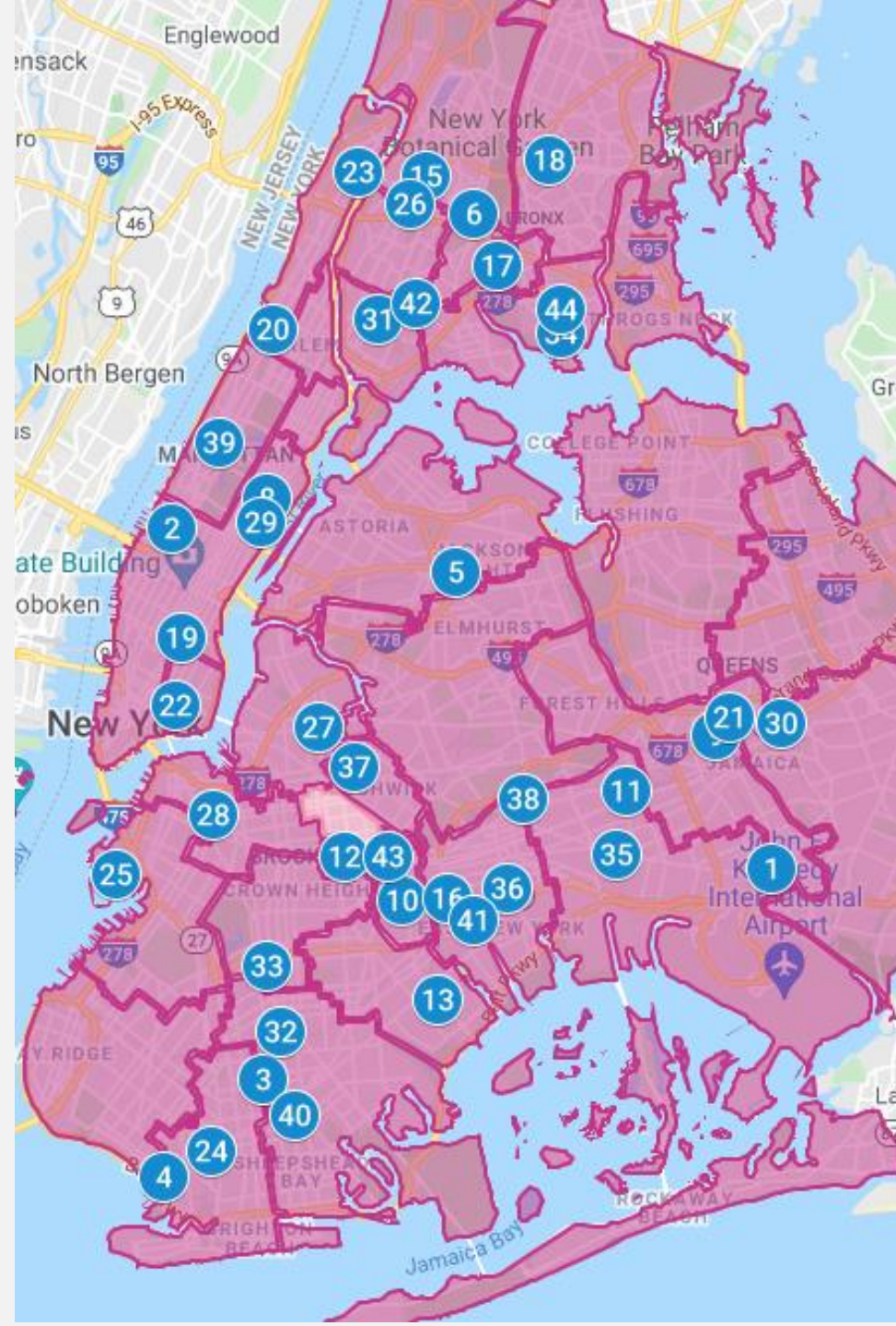
-LESLIE GOMEZ RIVERA



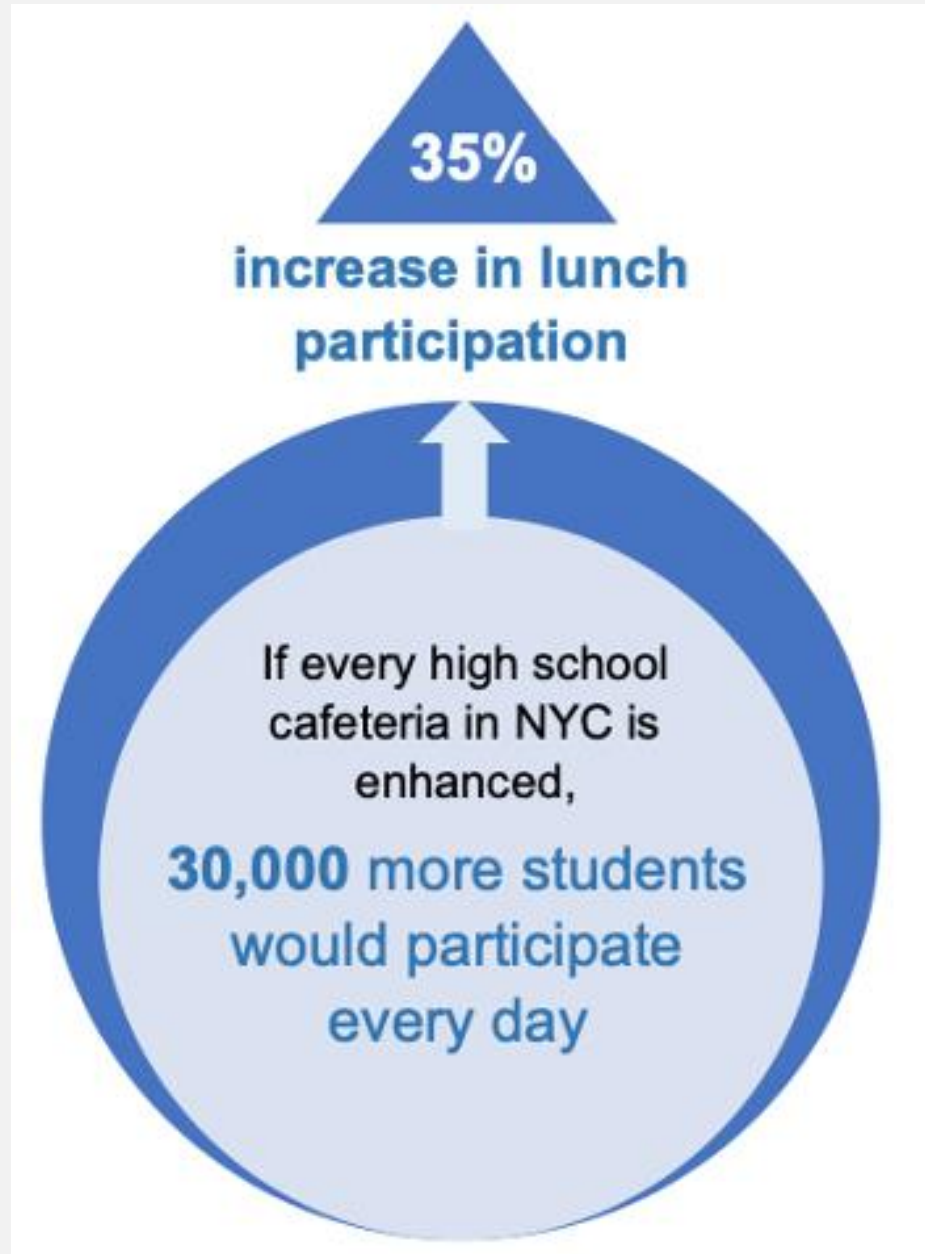
IMPACTS

44 School Cafeterias Across NYC

(as of February 10, 2022)



The first 15 high school enhanced cafeterias, serving 47 schools...



Compared with schools of the same type without redesign,
enhanced cafeterias served:

3.0x more
Bananas, Peppers, & Tomatoes



4.0x more
Apples, Carrots, & Spinach



30.0x more
Lettuce



4.9x more
Broccoli



11.3x more
Grapes



ACCESS TO SCHOOL LUNCH IMPROVES ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Syracuse University study linked universal free meals to academic performance, with increases in test scores equivalent to as much as

**10 weeks of learning in
math and ELA**

Source:

https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/uploadedFiles/cpr/publications/working_papers2/wp203.pdf



Let Them Eat Lunch: The Impact of Universal Free Meals on Student Performance

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