

# FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

PROGRAM UPDATE 22-23

# DEPARTMENT AT A GLANCE

- 85 STAFF MEMBERS
  - DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, REGISTERED DIETITIAN, 2 SECRETARIES, 17 MANAGERS, 63 KITCHEN STAFF
- CONTRACT WITH VEST PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING SUPPORT
- PROVIDE MEAL SERVICES AT 20 SITES
- SATELLITE MEALS TO 4 OF THOSE LOCATIONS (NW, SA, HCC, LIFE ACADEMY)
- LEADERSHIP TEAM AND NUTRITION COMMITTEE MEET MONTHLY
- FINANCIALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT

# OUR CUSTOMERS

SERVE OVER 8,150 STUDENTS, PREK-12

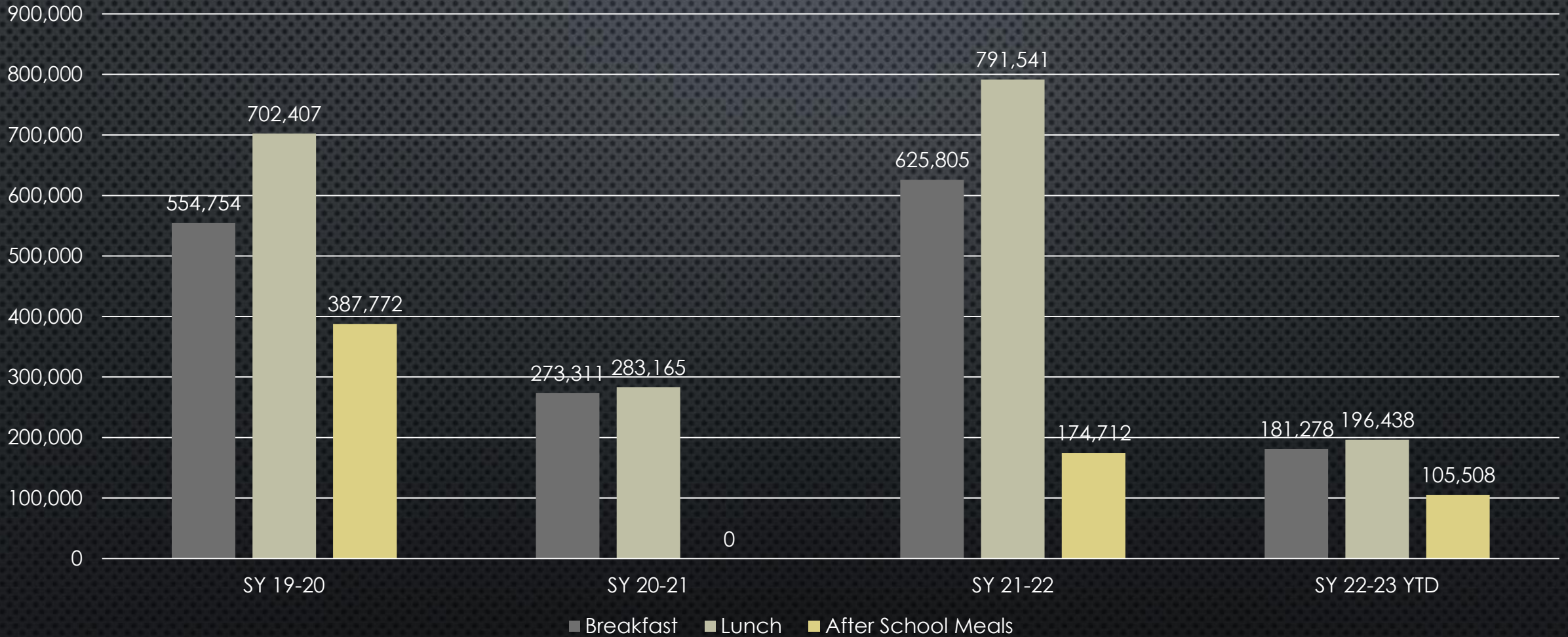
PROVIDE FOOD ALLERGY SUPPORTS TO OVER 200 STUDENTS DAILY

ALL PROGRAMS OFFERED TO STUDENTS PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC SUCCESSFULLY REINSTATED  
(BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AFTER SCHOOL MEALS, SUMMER MEALS, AND A LA CARTE OFFERINGS)



# MEAL PARTICIPATION

PreK-12



# ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST HIGHLIGHT

-19-20, CONDUCTED TRADITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDING MEALS THROUGH THE SERVE LINE AND REACHED AN AVERAGE DAILY PARTICIPATION OF 55%

-22-23, CONDUCTING BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM WITH DELIVERED MEALS REACHING AN AVERAGE DAILY PARTICIPATION OF 70%

-ACHIEVING A 15% INCREASE IN PARTICIPATION

-APPROXIMATELY 25% HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

# GUIDELINES

- THE USDA NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES AND RELATED REGULATIONS DRIVE OUR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS AND OUTLINE WHAT KINDS OF ITEMS CAN BE SERVED TO STUDENTS.
- WHILE THE REGULATIONS ARE DIFFERENT BASED ON GRADE LEVEL, WE WORK TO PROVIDE AS MANY OPTIONS AND AS MUCH OF EACH ITEM AS PERMITTED.
- OUR PROGRAMS OPERATE UNDER ANNUAL CONTRACTS HELD WITH DESE AND HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES.
- FOOD SAFETY AND SANITATION IS A TOP PRIORITY EVALUATED REGULARLY INTERNALLY AND BY OUR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. STAFF ALSO HOLD FOOD HANDLER CARDS AFTER COMPLETING FOOD SAFETY TESTS WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

# OPERATIONS

- WE ARE DATA DRIVEN TO DETERMINE INITIATIVES FOR STUDENTS AND PROGRAM NEEDS UTILIZING TREND MEAL PARTICIPATION INFORMATION, USDA MEALS PER LABOR HOUR FUNCTIONS AND STUDENT AND STAFF FEEDBACK.
- WE PROVIDE 3 MEALS A DAY TO PREK-12 CONDUCTED THROUGH SERVE LINES, DELIVERY AND SATELLITE SERVICES TO MAXIMIZE SPACE AND TIME PROVIDED FOR EACH GIVEN GRADE LEVEL.
- THE DEPARTMENT UTILIZES HORIZON FOOD SERVICE SOFTWARE TO PROCESS EACH POINT OF SALE, MANAGE EFFECTIVE FOOD ORDERING, RUN EACH NUTRIENT ANALYSIS AND HANDLE DEPARTMENT FINANCIALS.
- FOCUSING ON OUR PROGRAM DATA HAS LED TO ADOPTING PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES THAT WILL ALWAYS BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS.

# MOVING FORWARD

- CONTINUE TO POSITIVELY IMPACT STUDENTS IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM BY WORKING TO INCREASE MEAL PARTICIPATION AT ALL GRADE LEVELS
- EXPAND OUR STUDENT FEEDBACK AND INPUT OPPORTUNITIES
- SUSTAIN A FOCUS ON RECRUITING AND RETAINING QUALITY STAFF
- STILL HAVE OPEN POSITIONS... ANYONE INTERESTED?? CAN APPLY AT [RAYTOWNSCHOOLS.ORG](http://RAYTOWNSCHOOLS.ORG)