



Downey Unified
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Food Services Update

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Our Kids Deserve the Best!

Food Service Department, soup to nuts:

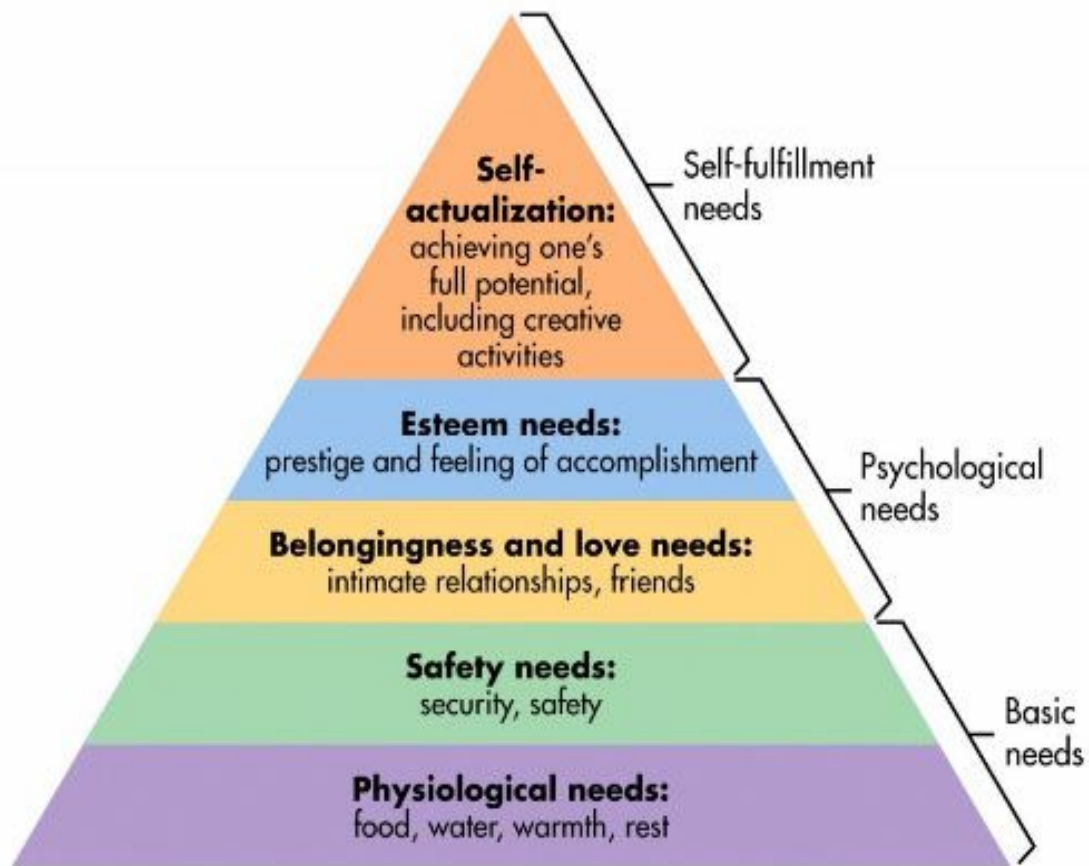
- A brief history
- Pandemic food service
- Update on current operations
- The future of school food service programs





Food Service Pre-Pandemic History

Providing for the most basic needs...



Participation/Meal Count data:

| | <u>Breakfast</u> | <u>Lunch</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2017/2018: | 1,619,262 | 2,471,541 |
| 2018/2019: | 1,582,866 | 2,426,407 |
| 2019/2020: | 1,384,000 | 2,005,547 |
| (Schools closed 3/13/20) | | |
| 2020/2021: | 1,033,028 | 1,040,402 |
| (Pandemic feeding) | | |

Detailed snapshot:

Average meals/day

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| Aug 2020 (14 sites) | 1,974 | 1,908 |
| Sept 2020 | 3,496 | 3,492 |
| Oct 2020 | 5,511 | 5,510 |
| (weekend meals introduced) | | |

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| Aug 2021 (21 sites) | 5,377 | 10,579 |
| Afternoon distribution | 100 | 100 |
| (3:30pm-4:30pm daily at RSG and Carpenter) | | |

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| % change from 2019: | -16.4% | -1.6% |
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Collaboration is key...it takes a village!

➤ **Transportation**

- Bus Drivers supported food transportation

➤ **Student Services**

- Working with Nursing team on safety measures for staff
- Coordination with Program Specialists to reach the neediest families
- Downey PD support during holiday distribution

➤ **Technology & Information Systems/SIS**

- Technology support for remote service models
- LCFF income data collection for 21/22

➤ **Public Information Officer/Superintendent's office**

- Collaborative approach communicating details to our community

➤ **Human Resources, Maintenance & Operations, Purchasing, Principals/Site Admin, Vendors**

Finding opportunities in challenging times

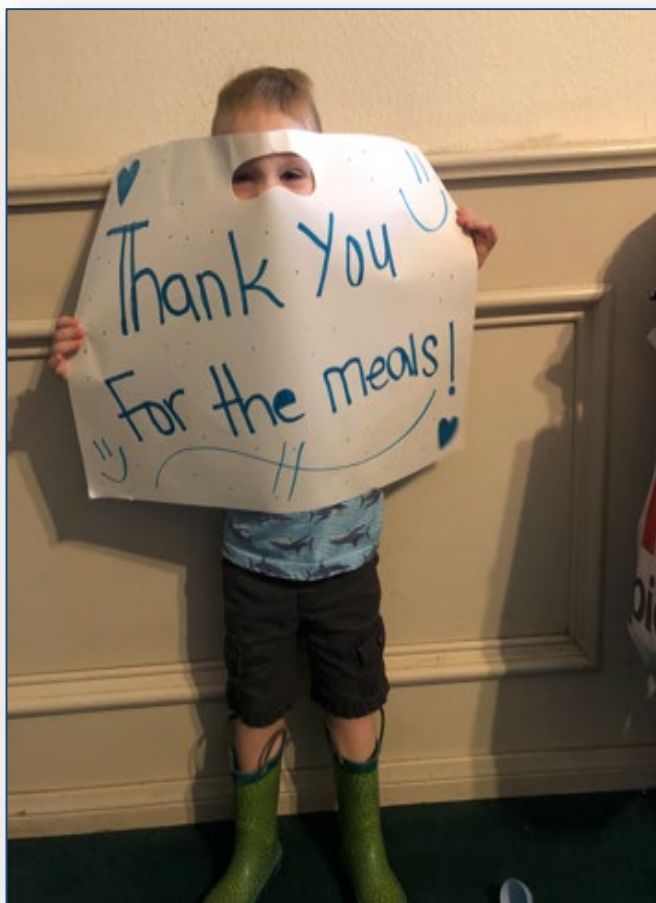
- **Implementation of additional feeding programs**
 - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for afterschool supplements (Jan 2021)
- **Multiple service models to support our community:**
 - Curbside drive-through/walk-up
 - Bulk grocery style multi-day food boxes
 - Holiday break meal kits
 - Meal delivery
 - Early morning service
 - Late afternoon service





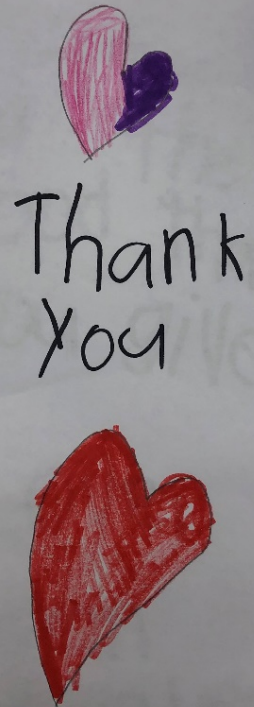
USDA Farm to Families Food Boxes

Over 54,000 pounds of food distributed over 3 days at 3 sites!



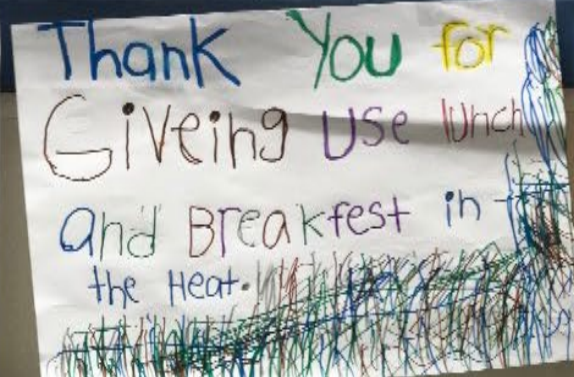
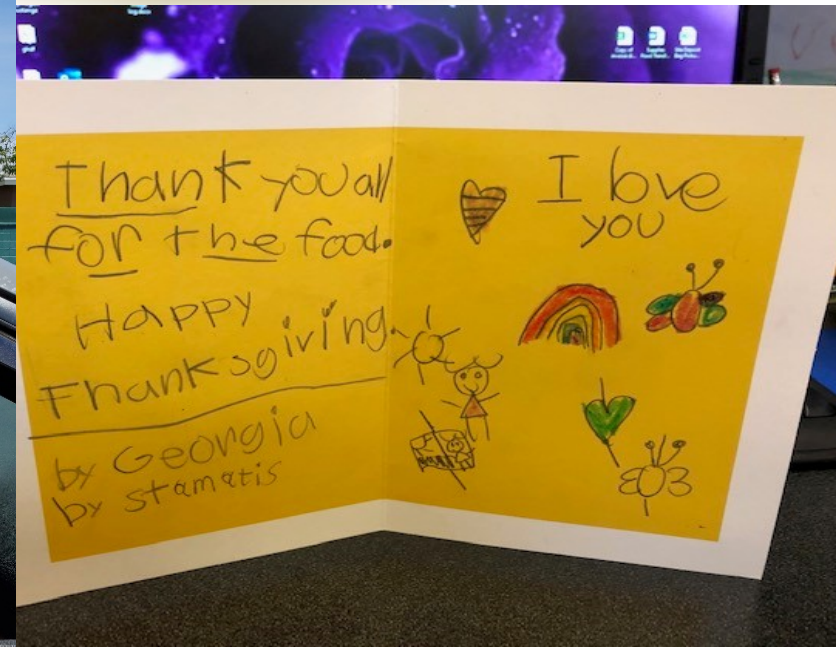


Our Community Showing LOVE!



Thank you
for the
food that
you give us.

Love,
Alan
Vazquez





Current Food Service Operations



USDA flexibilities allow all students to be provided 1 free breakfast and 1 free lunch every day for SY 21/22!

- **Promoting a touchless experience at all levels**
 - ID cards used for scanning barcodes instead of students manually entering ID numbers
 - Alternative processes in place for those who do not have an ID card
- **Students eating outside**
- **Menu consistent through all levels**
 - Secondary sites have more daily options and points of sale than elementary
 - Burgers, chicken items, salads, a la carte items available





The future of school meal programs...

- Labor and supply chain challenges
 - Staffing shortages
 - Supply chain issues
 - Transportation challenges (fuel, drivers)
 - Manufacturer cancellations
 - Over 900 SKUs cancelled since the start of school
 - Cost of raw materials and labor skyrocketing
- Legislation
 - State: [AB 130, Universal Meals](#)
 - Requires all public schools to provide two meals free of charge





DUSD Food Services Heroes will show up!





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QUESTIONS?

Thank you!