

CAFETERIA ENHANCEMENT EXPERIENCE

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**YOUTH FOOD
ADVOCATES**

High Impact

EQUITABLE

Citywide investment ensures all middle and high school cafeterias are updated.

NUTRITIOUS

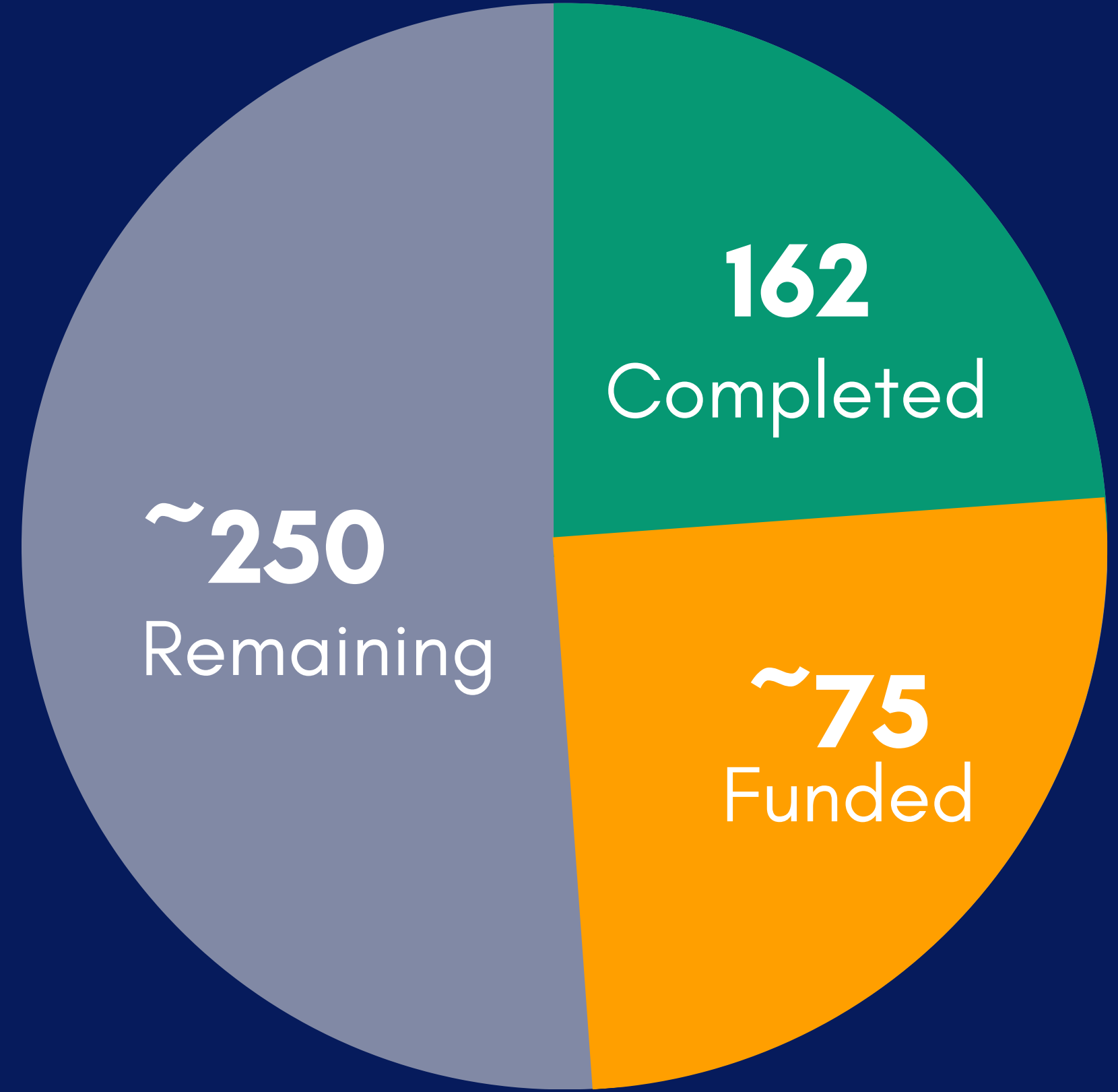
School meals meet, or exceed, USDA and NYC nutrition standards.

MODERN

Welcoming cafeterias shift perception away from institutional food.

About half of cafeterias have been completed or funded

of the approximate 500 cafeterias serving middle and high schools



The 162 completed school cafeterias

serve more than **210,000**
students



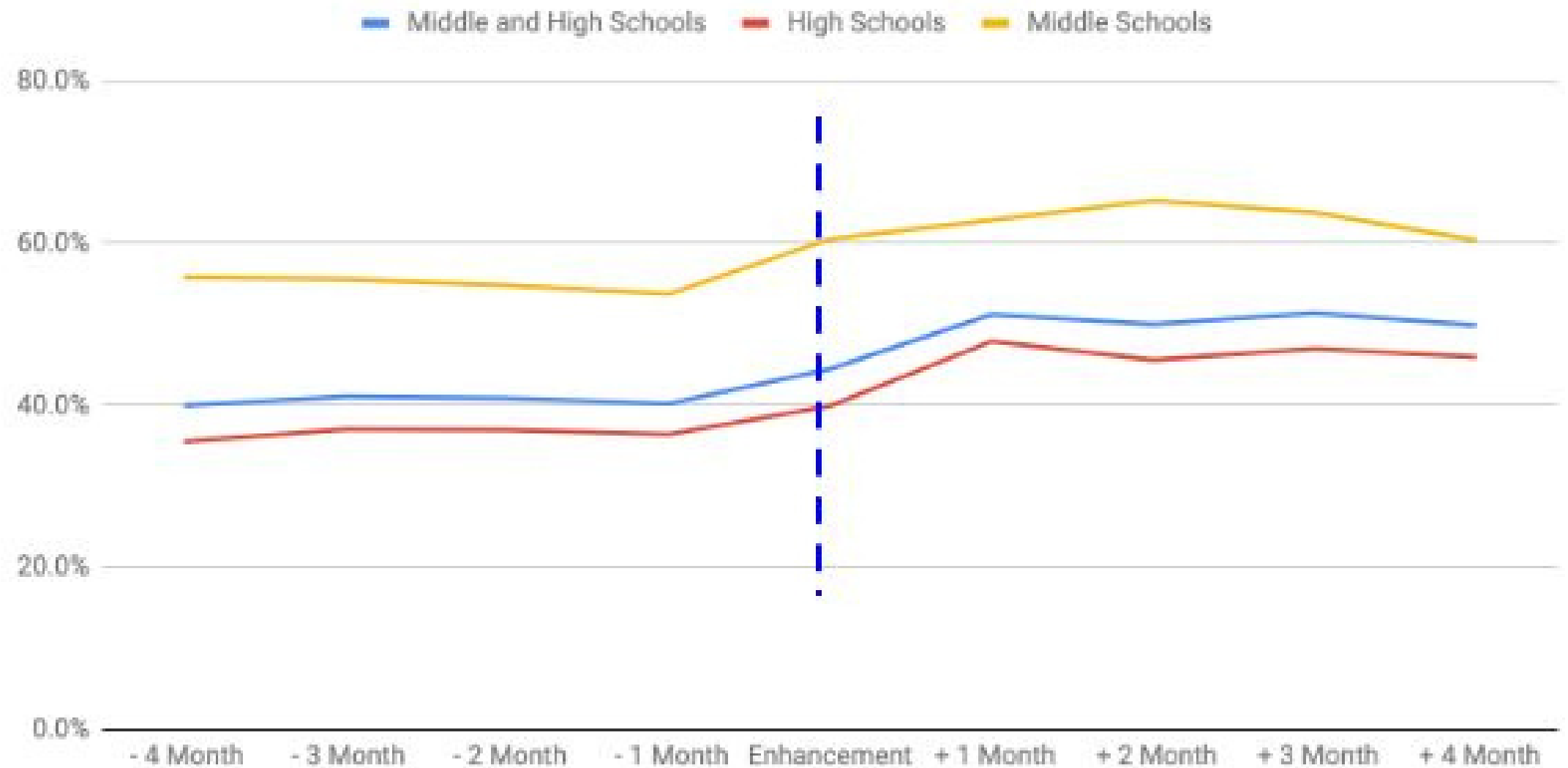
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Immediate impact

increase in participation after cafeteria enhancement



School Lunch Participation Among Schools with Cafeteria Enhancement

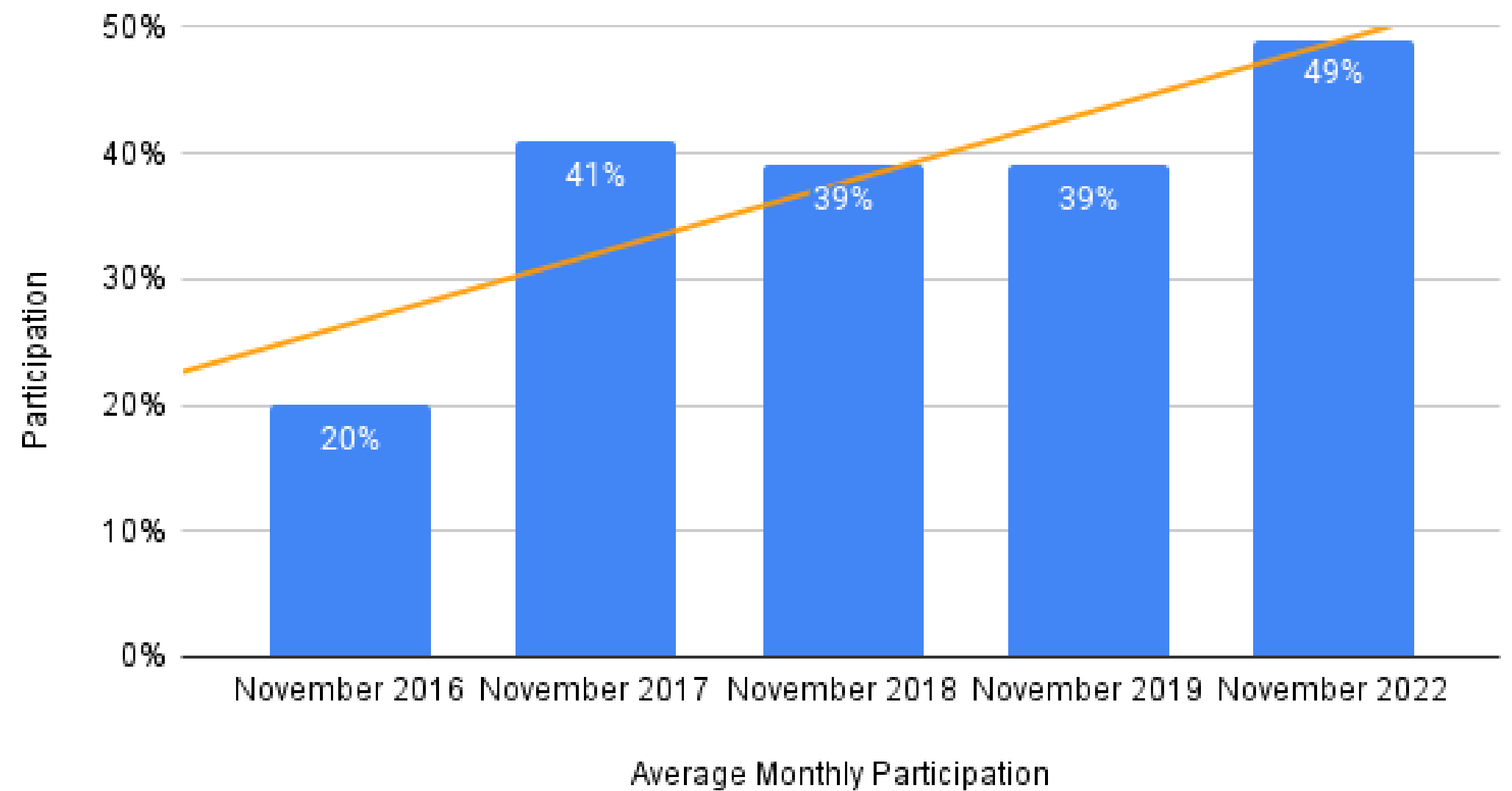


Sustained participation

for years after enhancement

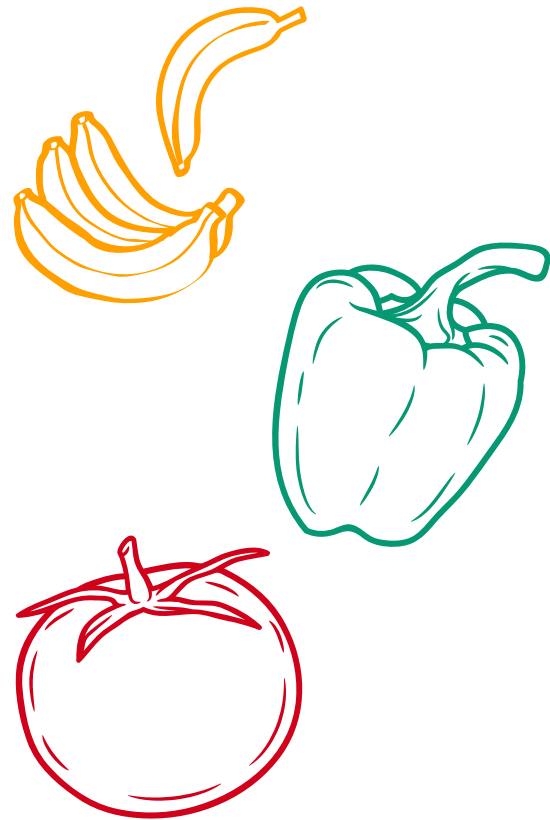


Edward R Murrow HS (Installation in February 2017)



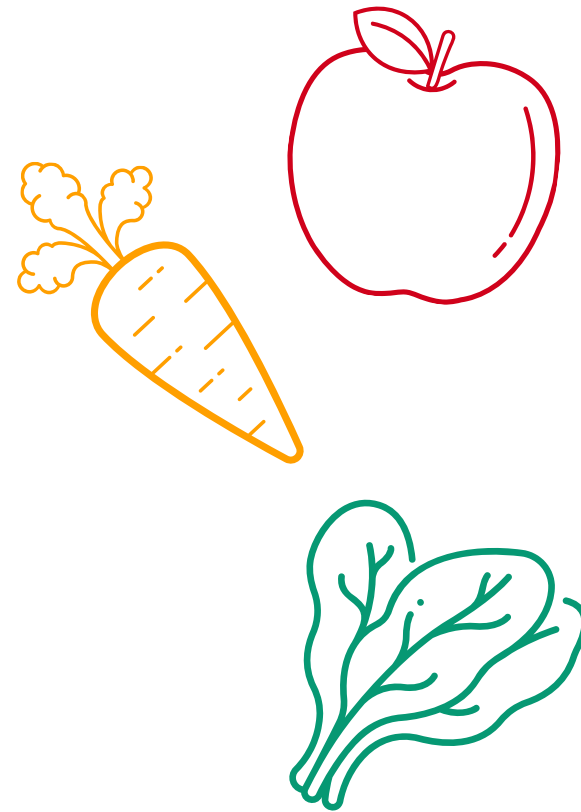
3x more

bananas, peppers, tomatoes



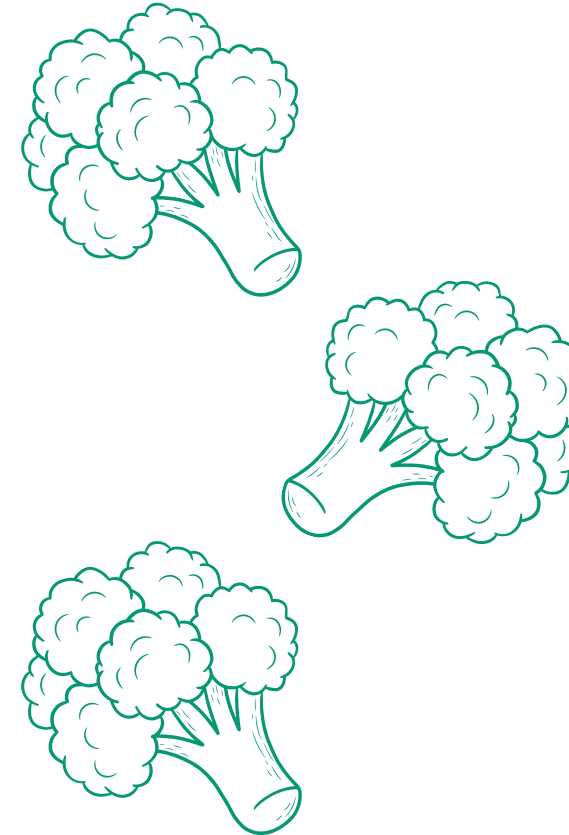
4x more

apples, carrots, spinach



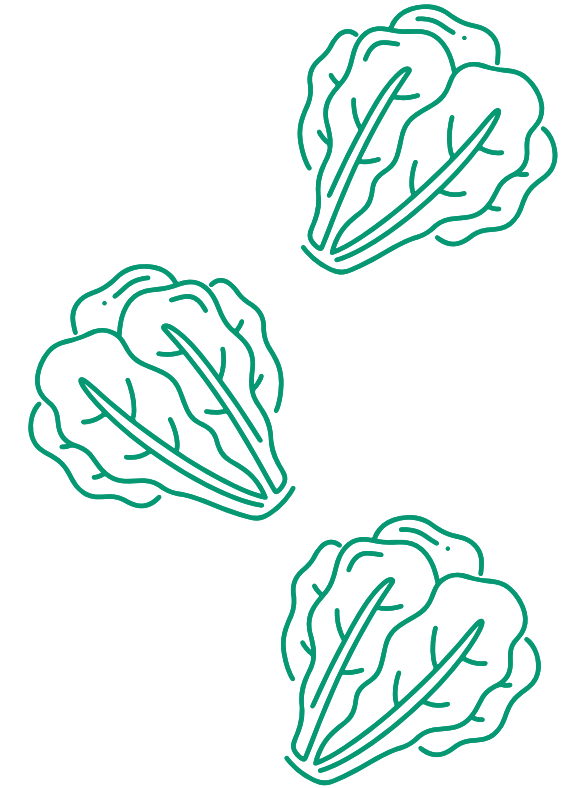
5x more

broccoli



30x more

lettuce



Enhanced cafeterias serve more fruits & vegetables

Compared with similar schools without redesign

**FASTER
SERVICE**

Enhanced Serving Line



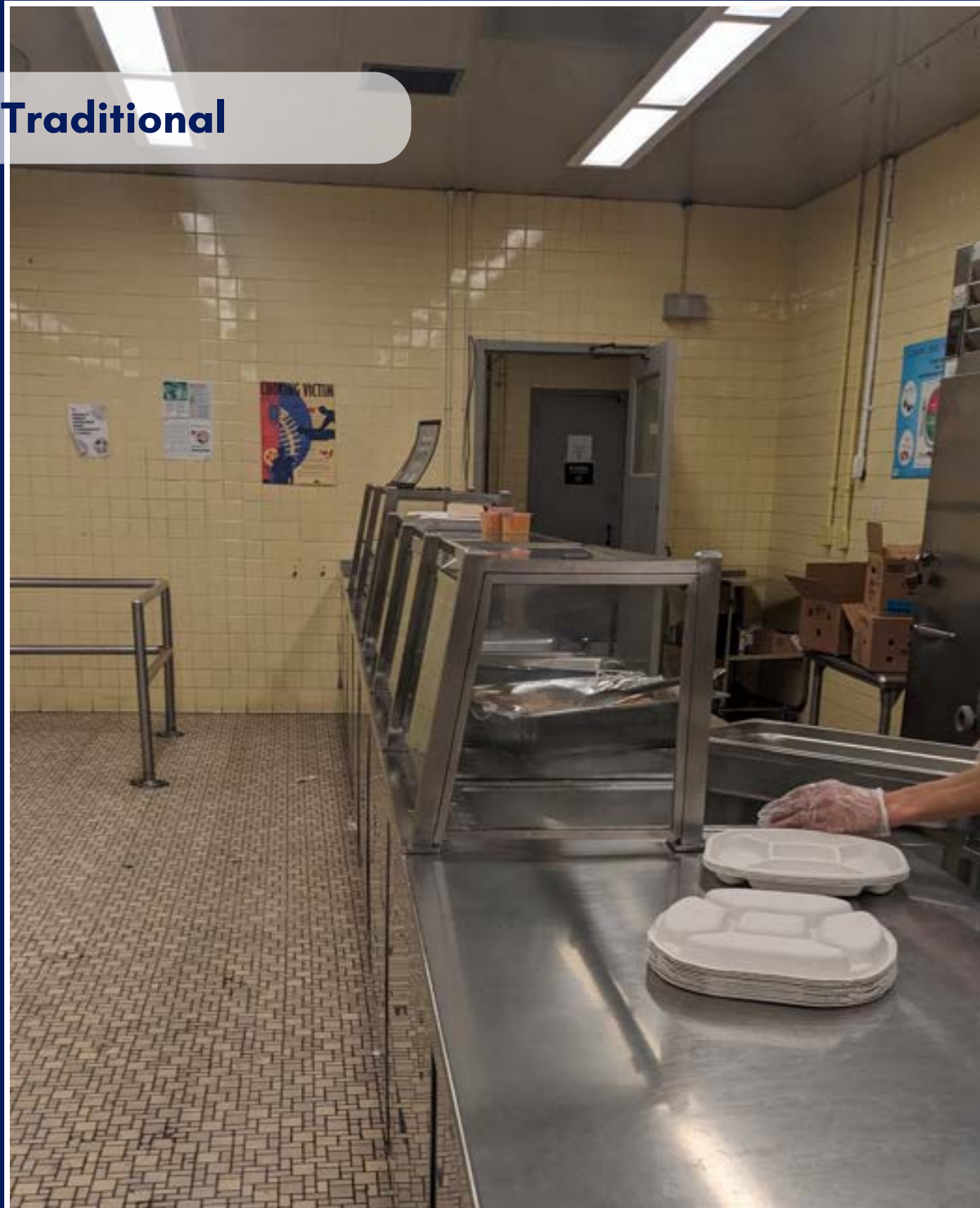


Traditional



Enhanced

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Enhanced

**MORE DAILY
OPTIONS**



Hot Daily Special



Cold Options

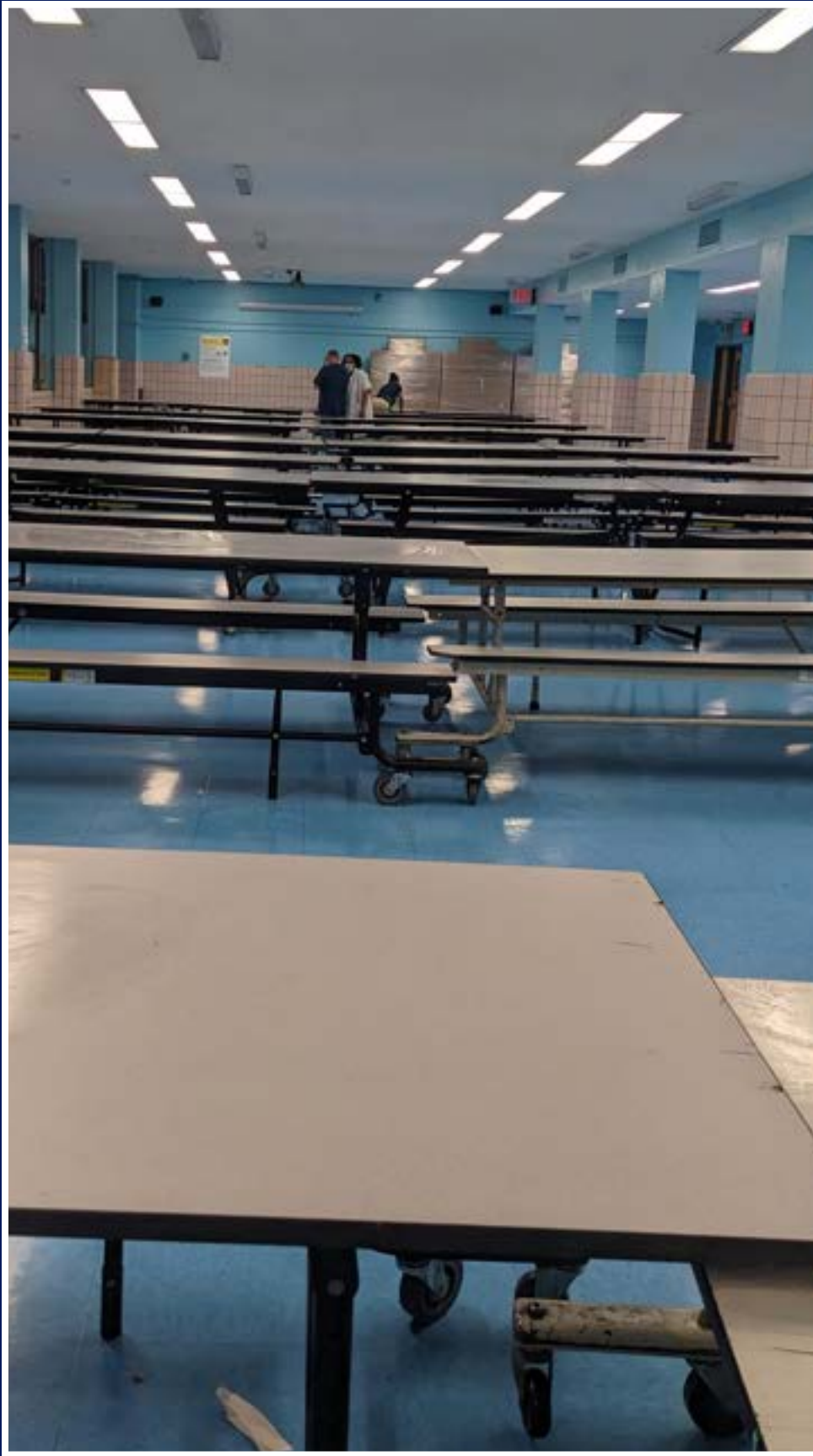


Hot Options



**STUDENT
CENTERED**

Before





Booths & tables

School pride

WELCOME

TO THE

BRONX



WESTINGHOUSE CTE High CITY-POLYTECHNIC High School BRIDGES Middle School



Charging ports



YOUTH VOICES



Faith

Brooklyn Technical High School

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



Aarmeen
The Brooklyn Latin School

“I remember walking into the cafeteria when it reopened and my friends were so shocked with the changes. All around me I could hear students exclaiming about how different and new the cafeteria felt to them.”



Joshua
Flushing High School

“I have noticed that my school lunch participation is much higher and students have much more dietary options. I have heard a lot of positive feedback from students across the school about the enhanced cafeteria and school lunch, and many students that used to skip lunch have begun to eat lunch daily.”

COMMUNITY VOICES

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

Principal Meade
Eagle Academy for Young Men

“The cafeteria enhancement communicates to students and families that they are important, welcomed, and that their social-emotional wellness and health are viewed by the school as a vital lever to success.”

Principal Hesham
M.S. 301 Paul L. Dunbar

“The Cafeteria Enhancement Experience transforms the student dining experience, turning cafeterias into gathering places for our students, and I'm grateful even more of our students will have the chance to enjoy these spaces in the coming year.”

Chancellor Banks

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