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TRUE FOOD

MPS CULINARY & WELLNESS SVCS

















We serve true food that tastes good without high fructose corn syrup, trans fats, artificial colors or preservatives

We have installed 67 Market Cart Salad Bars since 2012

We serve FREE breakfast for ALL students

We serve food from small, sustainable farmers in our region

We feature a locally-sourced lunch on the first Thursday of every month

We work with great Minneapolis chefs to develop recipes and engage students

We conduct True Food Taste Tests with over 20,000 elementary & middle school students

We provide free meals & sna<mark>cks</mark> to children in after school programs at schools and community sites throughout the city

We provide a daily fresh fruit or vegetable snack in over 700 elementary classrooms





MPS Culinary & Wellness Services

36,531 students

- 59% eligible for free or reduced price meals
- 68% identify as students of color

~ 56,000 meals & snacks served daily

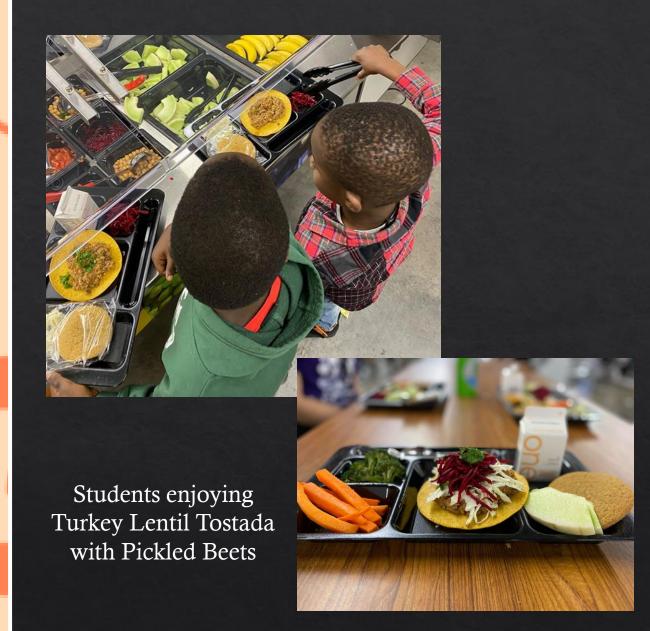
- 14,000 breakfasts
- 22,000 lunches
- 11,500 fresh fruit and vegetable snacks
- 5,000 after-school snacks
- 3,500 suppers

72 sites

- 1 central kitchen
- · 37 kitchen sites
- 35 satellite sites
- 67 salad bars
- 38 CEP schools

WHY GO GLOBAL?

- Evolving diversity in student population
- Offer good food, not just school food
- ♦ Customize as per taste
- Largest restauranteur in town with 72 outlets! (Bigger than Starbucks or McDonalds)





APPROACH TO GOING GLOBAL

- Adding spices and seasonings
- Recipe development using commodity ingredients (ex: beans, tomatoes)
- Add 'missing' flavors
- Global Market stations (Asian / Indian / Latin American, etc.)

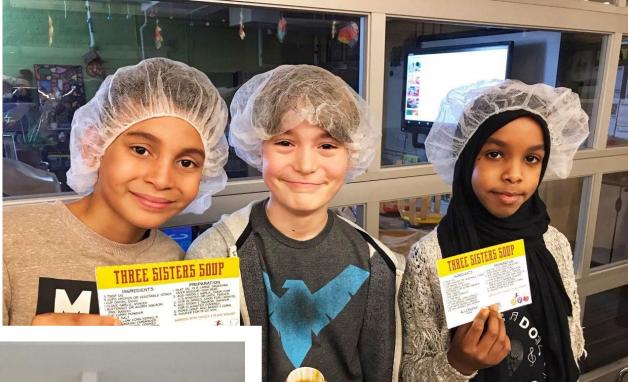
WHAT TO WATCH FOR

- Ensuring authenticity
- Meal crediting
- Keeping cost down

TOP 3 CUISINES

- Somali .
- Indigenous
- Hmong

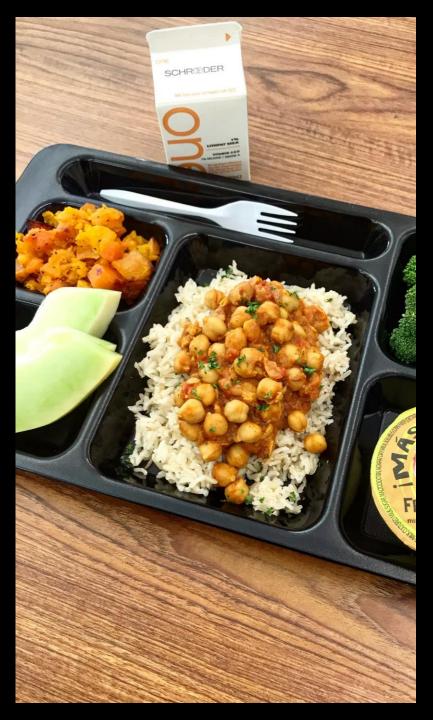














CHANA MASALA

INGREDIENTS

I TSP CUMIN SEED
I I/3 TBSP OIL
I SMALL ONION, DICED
I/2 TSP TURMERIC POWDER
2 TSP CORIANDER, GROUND
2 TSP CUMIN, GROUND
I/2 TSP GINGER POWDER
3/4 TSP GARLIC, GRANULATED
PINCH CAYENNE PEPPER
I CAN PETITE DICED TOMATOES
2 CANS GARBANZO BEANS, DRAINED
I/3 CUP TOMATO PUREE
I TSP SALT
3/4 CUP WATER
I I/2 TSP GARAM MASALA





PREPARATION

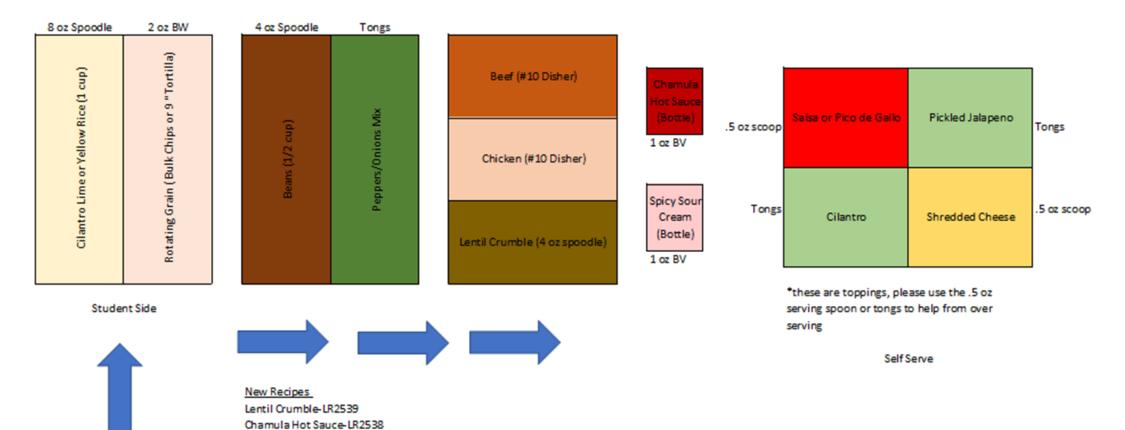
- HEAT OIL IN A PAN ON MEDIUM LOW HEAT.
 ADD CUMIN SEEDS. SIMMER FOR 2-3 MIN, OR UNTIL YOU SMELL CUMIN.
- ADD ONIONS. SIMMER UNTIL TRANSLUCENT, DO NOT CARAMELIZE.
- 4. ADD TURMERIC, CORIANDER, CUMIN, GINGER, GARLIC & CAYENNE PEPPER. SIMMER FOR A FEW MINUTES.
- 5. ADD DICED TOMATOES. LET JUICE DEGLAZE THE PAN. ADD GARBANZO BEANS, TOMATO PUREE, SALT & WATER.
- BEANS, TOMATO PUREE, SALT & WATER
 6. RETURN TO A SIMMER. CONTINUE TO
 COOK UNTIL SAUCE THICKENS.
- 7. WHEN SAUCE REACHES DESIRED THICKNESS STIR IN THE GARAM MASALA. SIMMER. SERVE WITH BASMATI RICE OR NAAN.





Latin Bowl Station Setup (HS)

Server Side





































Thank You!

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