

# LOVE FOOD NOT WASTE

Food Waste Source Reduction  
@ SDUSD



San Diego Unified School District

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Before Food Rescue  
(one high school/one day)



# About SDUSD



## San Diego Unified School District



**Schools: 180**

**Charter Schools: 50**

**State Pre-K: 46 (at existing schools)**

**Other Facilities: 15**

**Enrollment: 129,000**

**% Free & Reduced Price Lunch: 62%**

**BIC Schools: 70**

**Supper Program Schools: 120**

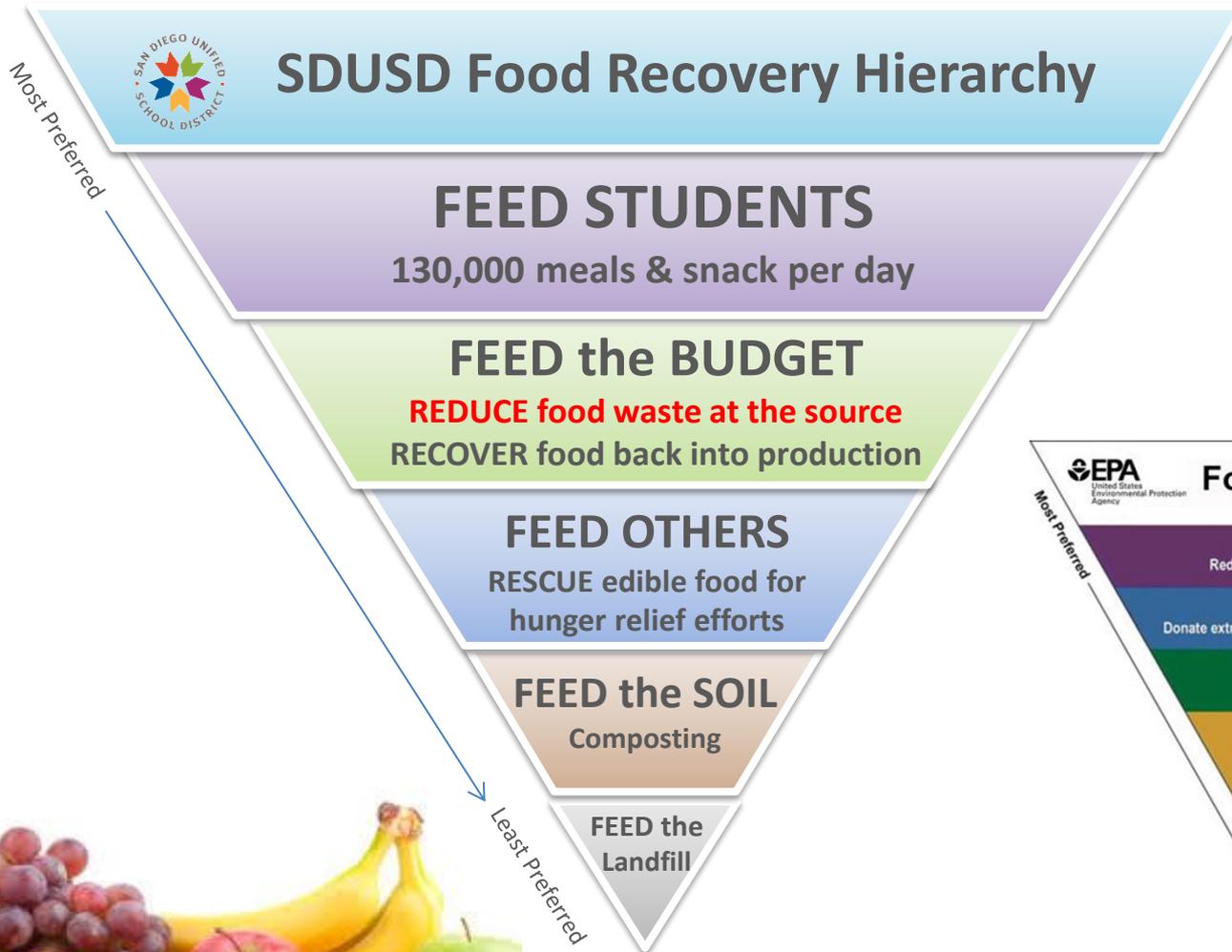
**Production Kitchens: 19**

**Meals & Snacks Served/Day: 130,000**



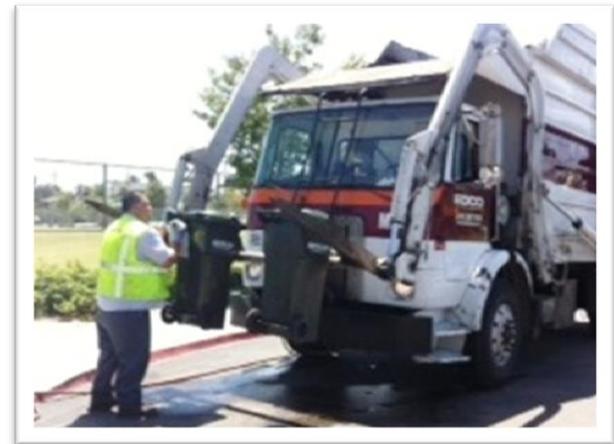
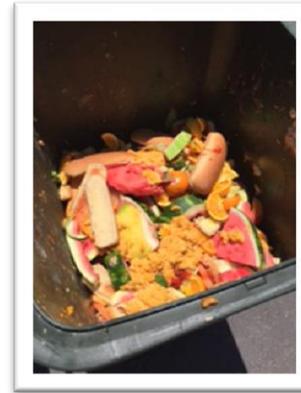
# Food & Nutrition Services Priorities

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# FEED the SOIL: Composting

**On-site Composting:** Schools are encouraged to collect leftover fresh fruits & vegetables from the salad bar to compost in school gardens ....**Cafe' to Compost**



**Off-site Composting:** Collection of student food scraps & kitchen scraps for off-site composting @ City of San Diego's **Miramar Greenery Compost Area**

# FEED OTHERS: Food Rescue

## Food Rescue Implementation :

- 1) Partnership with Feeding San Diego
- 2) Developed Route System
- 3) Developed SOP's, FAQ's, and informational handouts
- 4) Staff meetings/training



## 2017-18 RESULTS!

From July 2017 – June 2018:



**200,206 lbs.**

of food kept out of the landfill



**166,838 meals**

provided to those in need



# FEED the BUDGET: Food Recovery

## FEED STUDENTS

↑ 130,000 meals & snack per day

## FEED the BUDGET

RECOVER food back into production

## FEED OTHERS

RESCUE edible food for  
hunger relief efforts

## Food Recovery:

- 1) Recover eligible food back into production
- 2) Food share tables

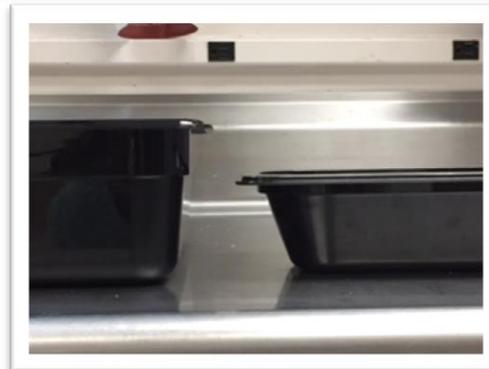
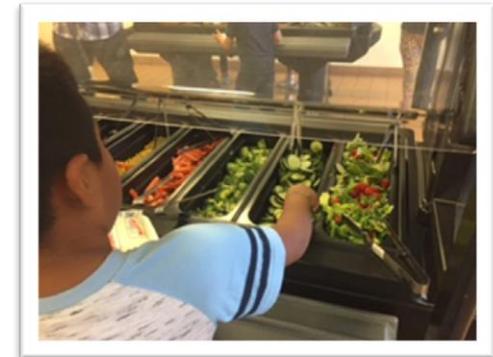


# FEED the BUDGET: Source Reduction



## Salad & Food Bar Waste Reduction

- 338 salad bars in 180 schools
- Decreased salad bar pan size in certain slots from 4" to 2" – “Tastefully Empty”



Food Bars: Smaller Pans -  
Tastefully Empty!



# FEED the BUDGET: Source Reduction

## Menu Planning for Food Waste Source Reduction

- Offer vs. Serve (OVS)
- Menu changes



**Condiments** can help consumption!



### Milk waste reduction!

Increase awareness of Offer vs. Serve... No milk required with entrée and fruit/veggie

### Student food waste reduction!

Encourage students to eat/drink all of the healthy meal items they choose



# FEED the BUDGET: Source Reduction

## Purchasing with Source Reduction in Mind

- Packaging
- Inventory Control
- Forecasting



### FIELD TRIP OR MEAL EVENT??

**Who Ya Gonna Call? Your school Café!** Please tell your school Café as soon as an event is scheduled that will keep students from a meal at the café!  
**Save money & Save Food!**



# FEED the BUDGET: Source Reduction

PAY OFF!



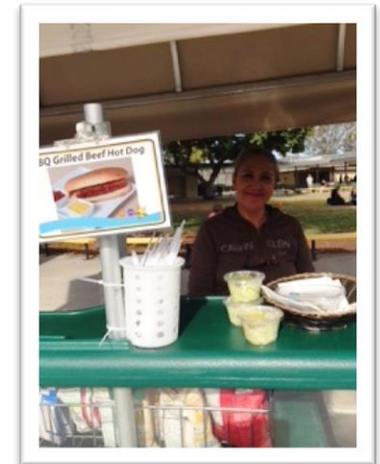
**2-3%**

In food cost savings



**\$350,000 - \$400,000**

in annual food cost savings



# Food Waste Redux @ School



## Questions?

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