

### Menu Advisory Board Meeting April 29, 2025

The purpose of the Food and Nutrition Services Menu Advisor Board is to ensure that the Department is providing a variety of appealing and nutritious meals while supporting student performance in a safe and effective manner.



## Agenda

- Introductions
- Our Mission
- Key Updates
- New initiatives and Innovations
- Program Challenges and Feedback
- Open Forum





### **Department Mission**

Nutrition Services will support our students and their education through fresh, wholesome food, a strong focus on nutrition and unparalleled customer service. Full bellies support hungry minds!







### What's new?

- Expanded scratch-made elementary entrees
- Instagram Highlights
- Continued premium protein standards
  - Dill seasoned Turkey Nuggets
- Menu Madness
  - High school bracket style face off

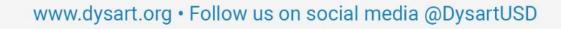




# **New Topics for Discussion**

- Breakfast engagement strategies
- Student voice in menu design
- Parent involvement







## **Challenges & Needs**

- Rising Food cost vs. reimbursement rates
- Fighting school meal stigma
- Managing labor costs





# **Upcoming Initiatives**

- Taste Testing w/ Students
- Nutrition Education
- Menu Spotlight Videos





## **Feedback & Collaboration**

- Best communication channels
- New menu item ideas
- Parent & student engagement suggestions





