

# Norwalk Public Schools 2023-2024

## Food Service Year in Review

Welcome to your NPS food service newsletter!

2023-2024 School Year was a great year for NPS food service, we served up happy and healthy daily, and had lots of fun, delicious, and educational events in cafeterias across the district.

### Highlighted Achievements:

- **WE ARE LOCAL!** We increased local produce purchases by 10% from last school year!
- Local Food in School Incentive Program brought even more delicious local produce to your school cafeterias through additional funding.
- 7 schools were awarded the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant.
- Global Eats was featured on the school lunch menus district wide and brought a focus on authentic global flavors and food discovery.
- The Smoothie Bike made its tour across all school cafeterias, promoting exercise and healthy eating!
- Hot Chocolate Milk was served across all Middle & High Schools and was a hit among students in the winter months!



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## Global Eats



# We Are Team Norwalk Public Schools!

At the heart of Chartwells is a strong team of motivated, caring and conscientious individuals who are dedicated to ensuring Norwalk Public School's students leave the cafeteria happier and healthier than they came in. We all have the same goal - delivering the best foodservice possible. And without our amazing school lunch heroes, drivers, and central kitchen team none of this could be possible!



# Student Engagement is so important!

We have hosted pop-up tasting events, fun promotions, and student voice opportunities across all NPS cafeterias!

This year we focused on local produce, global flavors, and of course, bringing the fun to the cafeteria! We had many special events including the NPS Smoothie Bike, wellness features, Chefs Tables, and a Discovery Kitchen Cook-Off!

See firsthand some of the fun we had this year!



# What's Next



## Exciting Menus

We will bring new food trends, fun food celebrations, and global flavors

## Local & Fresh

Wellness is always at the forefront; in the upcoming year we will continue our commitment to local and fresh produce



## Feedback

We are always looking for students to influence their dining experience. We will bring more opportunities to have students and family opinions voiced.

## Student Engagement & FUN!

The cafeteria should be fun, next year Global Eat, Student Choice, and Mood Boost will be featured across the district cafeterias!