

Food Service Committee: Your Voice Matters!

Students Helping Make School Meals Better

On **May 21, 2026**, the Food Service Committee held its final meeting of the **2025–2026 school year**. The meeting brought together student and parent representatives to share feedback, ideas, and suggestions about school breakfast and lunch.

What Did Students Have to Say?

Our student members were honest about what they liked—and what they thought could be improved. Some of the topics discussed included:

-  Chicken products and burger patties
 - UPDATE: Metz now opted for a new chicken product made by Pilgrim's Pride which is currently being served
 - Exploring better quality burger products
-  Menu items not always being available during 3rd lunch
 - UPDATE: Metz is working on increasing the quantities for the 3rd period lunch
-  Offering popular menu items more frequently
-  Nacho cheese being too spicy
 - UPDATE: Jalapenos will now be optional
-  Having a more varied menu
 - UPDATE: we will now operate on a 6-week rotating meal schedule
-  Adding new menu choices
 - UPDATE: Exploring the possibility of the student request like burrito bowls, Chicken Wings, Baked Potato Bar, Burger Bar and Subs
-  Friendliness and customer service in the cafeteria
 - UPDATE: This has been addressed at a District level at the start of school meeting
-  Uncrustables sometimes being soggy
 - UPDATE: Monitoring this and will address if still needed.
 - Additionally, at Wyland we are testing new uncrustable's flavors.
-  Increasing the quantity of muffins available at breakfast
 - UPDATE: Additional quantities are being ordered
-  Offering more seasonal fruit
-  Exploring options such as a **fruit bar or waffle bar**
 - UPDATE: We will be offering a yogurt bar at the High School level in the near future

These conversations are important because **student feedback helps us understand what our students want and need from their school meals.**

Students Put Their Ideas Into Action!

During the **first week of the 2026–2027 school year**, Metz partnered with our students to conduct a **chicken product taste test** at both the High School and Middle School.

Students had the opportunity to sample a new chicken product from **Pilgrim's Pride** and provide their honest opinions.

The Results? Two Thumbs Up!

The new chicken products received **very positive feedback from students at both schools!**

Even better, our students had fun participating in the taste test and appreciated having their voices heard. Their feedback is helping the Food Service Department and Metz make informed decisions about future menu options.

Congratulations to Our Student Committee Members!

A special congratulations to the students who participated in the Food Service Committee this year. You **spoke up, shared your ideas, listened to others, and helped create positive change** for yourselves and your fellow students.

Your participation shows that **your voice matters!**

We look forward to continuing to work with our students and giving them more opportunities to share their opinions, try new products, and help shape the future of our school meals.

Have an idea for the cafeteria?

Speak up. Share your thoughts. Be part of the change!   

Email us at: easley@ht-sd.org

Food Service Committee is made up of HTSD Administration, staff, parents and students. Any Student, Parent or HTSD staff member that would like to be a part of the Food Service Committee, **please reach out to Lisa Easley by 10/1/2026 at: Easley@ht-sd.org**

Next Meeting will be: October 15, 2026

Committee Members: Lisa Easley, Nan Guy, Jeff Kline, Elvira Scolieri, Melinda Barbiaux, Christine Lazjo, Andrew Barbiaux, Alexander Barbiaux, Elliot Diaz, Keegan Easley and Chasen Frank.