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This is Us...

Enrollment

45 School Sites

43,501 Students

Preschool – Twelfth Grade

Nutrition Programs

Mixed District

35 NSLP Sites

10 Community Eligibility Sites

67%

Qualify Free/Reduced

Visit us at Riversideunified.org for more information

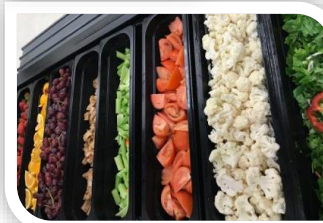
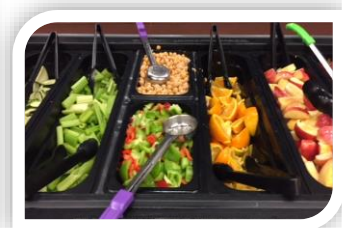


38,732

Meals Served Daily

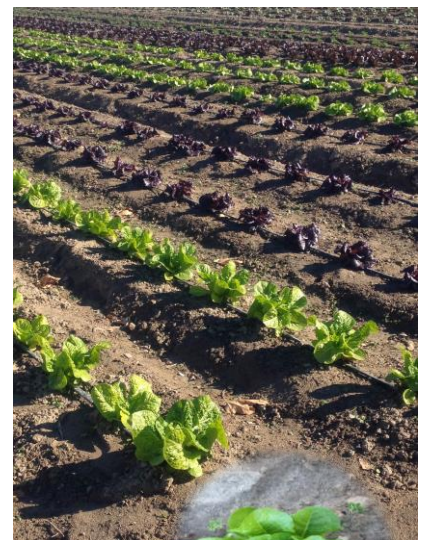
Farmers Market Salad Bar

- ◆ **13 years** (since 2005)
- ◆ **100%** of Produce is California grown
- ◆ **60%** of Produce is grown in Riverside and surrounding communities



School + Farm

Partnerships between RUSD and local farmers



Buying Local Produce



Riverside USD Food HUB

Block Grant (2016) - California Department of Food and Agriculture

- 1st produce distribution arrangement operated by school district
- Use of locally grown produce
- Farmers have a central place for distribution
- Partnership with RUHS and UCANR - NPI

Local Food Promotion Program Grant (2018) - United States Department of Agriculture

- Provide resources to incubate HUB to a Sustainable Food HUB.
- Farmer Training
- Food Safety
- GAP (Good Agriculture Practices) Certification



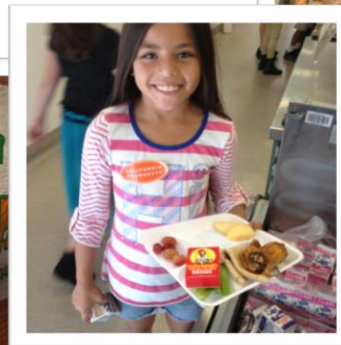


Riverside USD Food HUB

- 1. Utilize existing RUSD Nutrition Services infrastructure**
 - Warehouse
 - Cold storage
 - Delivery trucks
- 2. Provide marketing and distribution for a network of local farmers**
 - Small school districts
 - Child care centers
 - Restaurants
 - Colleges
 - Hospitals
 - Other institutional buyers
- 3. Supply locally grown produce**



California Thursdays



What's Next?

- California Thursdays
- Explore More Plant Based Options
- Expanding Scratch Cooking and Commodity Use
- Grow Partnerships with Local Farmers

