99% of US schools currently meet the nutrition standards set by the USDA Students who participate have better test scores and attendance

66% of students are now choosing fruits in the lunch line. This is up from 54% in 2012.

## **School Meal Fast Facts**

These programs are expected to save the US \$792 million in health care costs in the next 10 years

Over the next 10 years, these programs could help prevent 2 million cases of childhood obesity School lunches are 41% healthier and school breakfasts are 44% healthier than they were before 2012

USDA programs like the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program have multiple benefits and are well worth the cost it takes to implement (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2019).