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Plainfield High School Awarded Grant to Expand School Breakfast Program

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PLAINFIELD, NJ - Beatris Perdomo, an 11th grader at Plainfield High School, and Maschio's food service staff member Sandra Bailey were among the first to use the school's new "Grab n Go" breakfast cart, unveiled on Wednesday at a celebration hosted by American Dairy Association North East in partnership with Plainfield Public Schools and PepsiCo Foundation.

Plainfield High School was awarded a \$7,000 grant funded by the PepsiCo Foundation, in conjunction with GENYOUth, to assist in expanding the *Breakfast After the*

Bell program, which aims to increase student access, awareness and participation in school breakfast.

“We close the cafeteria at 7:55 a.m. when the bell rings, but now our latecomers will have an opportunity to grab breakfast and go. We will be offering *Breakfast After the Bell* until about 8:30 a.m. Our goal is to increase our participation in the breakfast program from the current 18 percent to 60 percent,” said Keisha Mack, Maschio’s Food Service Manager at Plainfield High School.

Vice Principal Daniel Cone said, “Our only challenge will be how we handle the food eaten in the classrooms. But the main concern is for students to not go hungry.”

His message to students, “If you are hungry, we have food for you.”



The grant is provided in association with the school’s Fuel Up to Play 60 program, an in-school child nutrition and physical activity program aimed at encouraging today’s youth to lead healthier lives.

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