School Nutrition Association’s national survey reveals students heading back to school will find a wide range of healthy choices in the cafeteria, including whole grain foods, new ethnic menu options, salad bars and made-to-order meals.

**WHOLE WHEAT SUCCESSES**

Over 90% of federal districts will exceed the whole grain requirements. More than 70% report that 3/4 or more of grains offered will be whole grain rich.

80% of districts report experiencing barriers to increasing whole grain options.

Nearly 90% are working to increase acceptance through tactics such as student taste tests.

**EMERGING MENU TRENDS**

About half of districts are offering new menu items featuring international flavors, and an additional 20% are testing new options to appeal to diverse student tastes.

85% of districts report their program had unpaid student meal debt at the end of the 2017/18 school year.

The median unpaid meal debt rose 70% since the 2012/13 school year.