With support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Bremerton Salvation Army and Bremerton Food Line
Wasted Food in my schools?

• For over 15 years, I watched good food going into the trash

• There was nothing I could do about it

• At the same time, 1 in 5 children in the state of Washington live in a household that struggles to put food on the table.
How it Started

The question:

Can we keep the food that is perfectly reusable out of the landfill and feed people in the community where there is lots of need?

The answer: Yes!
Step 1: School Board Approval

Unanimous Approval

“It’s the right thing to do”
Step 2:

Key Questions:
- Re-serving Food
- Food Safety for perishable food
- Who needs a variance
- Consistency

State of Washington
Kitsap County
Bremerton School District
Step 3: School Logistics

1. Work with Staff
2. Educate Students
3. Collect and Label Food
4. Pickup by the Food Bank
5. Share Tables
6. Take only to Eat It
7. Ice Sheets = safety
8. Store in Refrigerators
What do we collect?

Whole, uneaten and packaged leftovers such as:

- Cartons of milk
- Packaged cheese, yogurt cups and tubes, granola, muffins, meat jerky
- Prepackaged sauces (e.g., applesauce/pasta sauce)
- Prepackaged apple slices, nuts, dried fruits.
- Whole fruits and vegetables with an intact peel/outer skin
- Sealed bottles of water, cartons of juice, other beverages.
Step 4: Measure Results

Bremerton by the numbers

Number of schools – 7
- 5 elementary
- 1 middle
- 1 K-8

Number of pickups: 2 per week

# of Hunger Relief Partners: 3

Number of complaints: zero!
School Food Share offers many benefits to Bremerton

- Educate Children
- Save Food
- Feed People
- Support our Community
- Protect the Environment
Win-Win-Win

Avoid food waste and all the associated environmental impacts

Help to feed hungry people in the community

Save the school district waste removal expenses
Thank You

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