

CCS School Board Update



City Schoolyard Garden

Urban Agriculture
Collective

Food Justice Network

What Have We Been Doing?

- **Emergency Response work during COVID Pandemic**
- **After School programs at Friendship Court, Hearthwood and Hardy Drive**
- **Healthy School Meals Initiative development**
- **School Break Meal distribution**
- **Return to In-School Programming with limited engagement**
- **Collaboration with the new Urban Farming program at Buford**
- **REN Events**



Current CSG Priorities

- **creating a safe space of familiarity and sense of normalcy recognizing that outdoor is good**
- **creating space for students to engage in social activities**
- **creating a space of welcome, care and safety**



City Schoolyard Garden: Where We Are

Garden Programming

- Spring 2022 School Garden Programming
- Spring Seedling Project
- Collaboration with New Urban Farming Teacher
- Recruit new CSG Food Justice Intern Cohort
- Continual Development of Community

Engagement



City Schoolyard Garden: Where We Are

Healthy School Meals Initiative

- ***NEW* Farm to School Coordinator Shamera Banks**
- ***NEW* Farm to School Week March 7–March 11**
- **Harvest of the Month**
- **Nutrition Committees**
- **Taste Test Planning**
- **Collaboration with the CHS Students to promote school meals engagement**



Program Impacts

- July 2020–December 2021: 7,704 student garden interactions
- 3 REN Events: 800 Produce Bags distributed to community members totalling 3,600 Meals
- 17,000 School Break Meals Served
- 3,530 Paid Food Justice Internship Hours for 19 High School Students (summer 2020/2021)



FRESH FRUIT

5 SCHOOL BREAKS



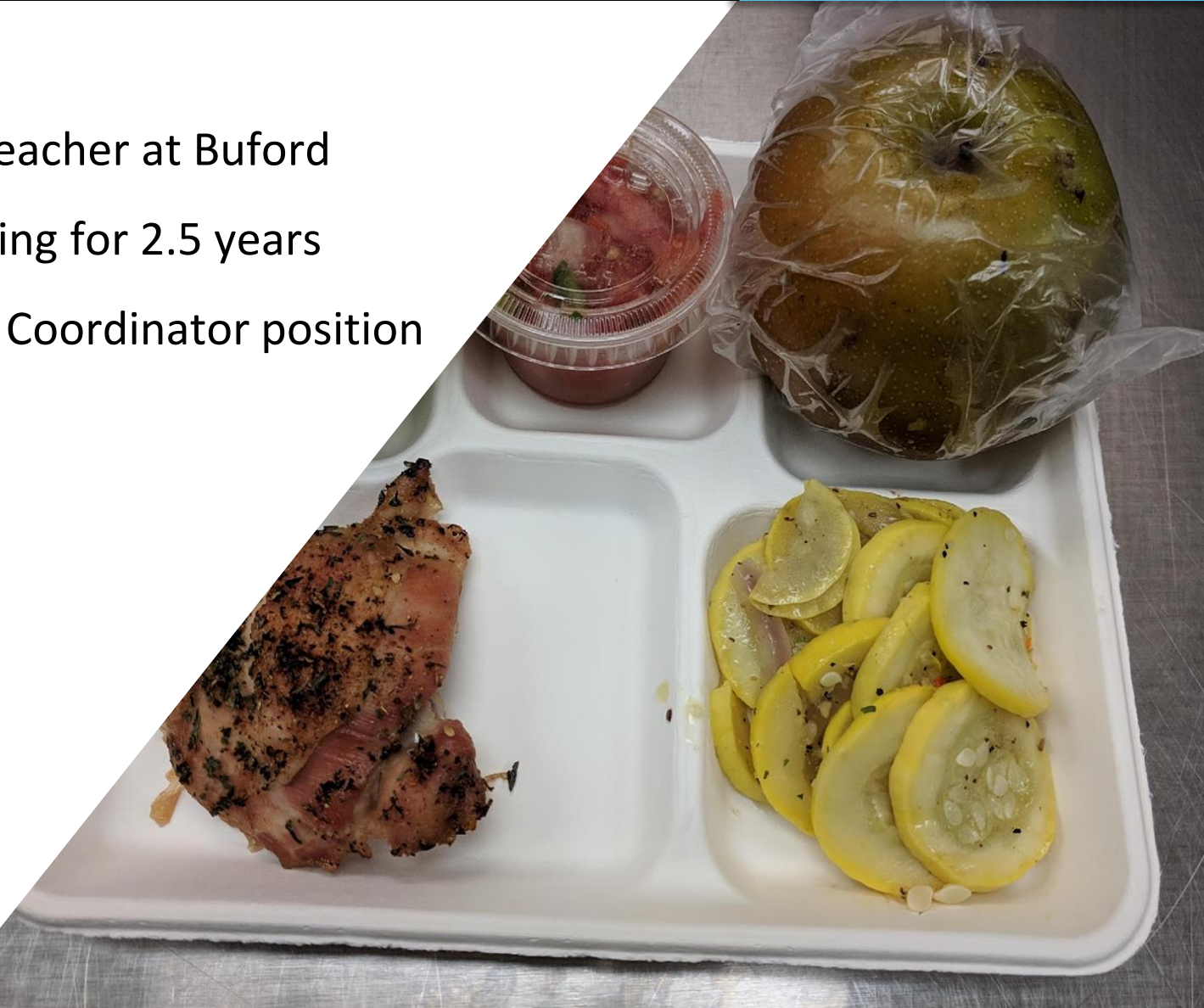
17 DAYS OF MEALS FOR STUDENTS

CCS Students were provided breakfast and lunch



Challenges

- Mid-Year transition of Urban Farming Teacher at Buford
- Healthy School Meals Initiative Re-framing for 2.5 years
- Hiring Challenges for a full time Garden Coordinator position
- Renovation of Buford Middle School



Moving Forward: What we are Considering

- Future of the Healthy School Meals Initiative: Upcoming Training Planning for the Nutrition Team in collaboration with Carlton Jones and Antwon Brinson of Culinary Concepts, AB
- Renovation of Buford with the currently plans of building over the garden space
- Prioritizing in increasing student engagement in the gardens

