New Brunswick, New Jersey

Elijah’s Promise, with partners in youth services and education, are engaging youth leaders to help identify community needs and tackle some of the county’s most pressing needs through a paid internship program!

Goals

- Engage and educate high school students to civically engage with their school food system
- Implement institutional-level changes that improve the school food system and food education in students’ school districts

Success Stories

- Developed a student/parent school food survey to collect valuable information about student school food experiences
- Established a substantial new relationship with New Brunswick Public Schools
- Taking steps towards creating a community school food advisory committee comprised of students, parents, community food system organizers, and school and city officials

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Background

- Population size: 57,073
- Students are served almost three times as much sugar in their breakfasts and four times as much in their lunches on average than what is recommended.

Key Milestones from July – December 2020

- 22 individuals that attended community convenings or meetings related to access to foods that support healthy eating patterns
- 4 community convenings or meetings related to access to foods that support healthy eating patterns
- 6 partner organizations convened or engaged by the lead partner to promote access to foods that support healthy eating patterns