

# Snapshot of New Brunswick, New Jersey

January–June 2021 Progress Report



## Goals

- Recruit 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 schools



## By the Numbers

- Convened 9 students, parents, school administrators and community institution leaders to discuss the results of a school food experience survey and how to make improvements in key areas
- 2 partner organizations, New Brunswick Tomorrow and New Brunswick Public Schools, engaged to support student involvement in school food decision-making

## Success Stories

1. Launched the Your Food, Your Choice New Brunswick cohort in March 2021, involving nine high school students regularly in bi-weekly gatherings to learn about how their school food system works and how to advocate for changes and improvements
2. Included students in gardening activities and evaluating the Your Food, Your Choice program to continue providing educational and community-building opportunities for students during the summer

**"Students are the primary consumers of the school food system and should have an equitable position in the decision-making process around that system. [Formalizing a school food advisory committee] begins the long-term integration of students' voices into this power structure."**

**--New Brunswick HCCC team member**



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