



DAY 13: Greenest

Food Waste

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WHAT PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS AT YOUR SCHOOL ARE FOOD INSECURE?

6.4% of students in Jericho High school get a free or reduced lunch. Our school does not have many food insecure students because we live in a very privileged area and most of us don't have to worry about whether we have enough money to buy food. But there are still some students who don't have these privileges and may not be able to afford lunch without our school's free/reduced lunch plan.





WHAT DOES YOUR SCHOOL CURRENTLY DO WITH ITS LEFTOVER FOOD?

Our school throws away and composts its food through the Long Island Waste and Sanitation Program.



IS YOUR SCHOOL PART OF THE FOOD RECOVERY NETWORK OR ANY SWIPE SHARING PROGRAM (SWIPESHARE, SWIPE OUT HUNGER, ETC)?

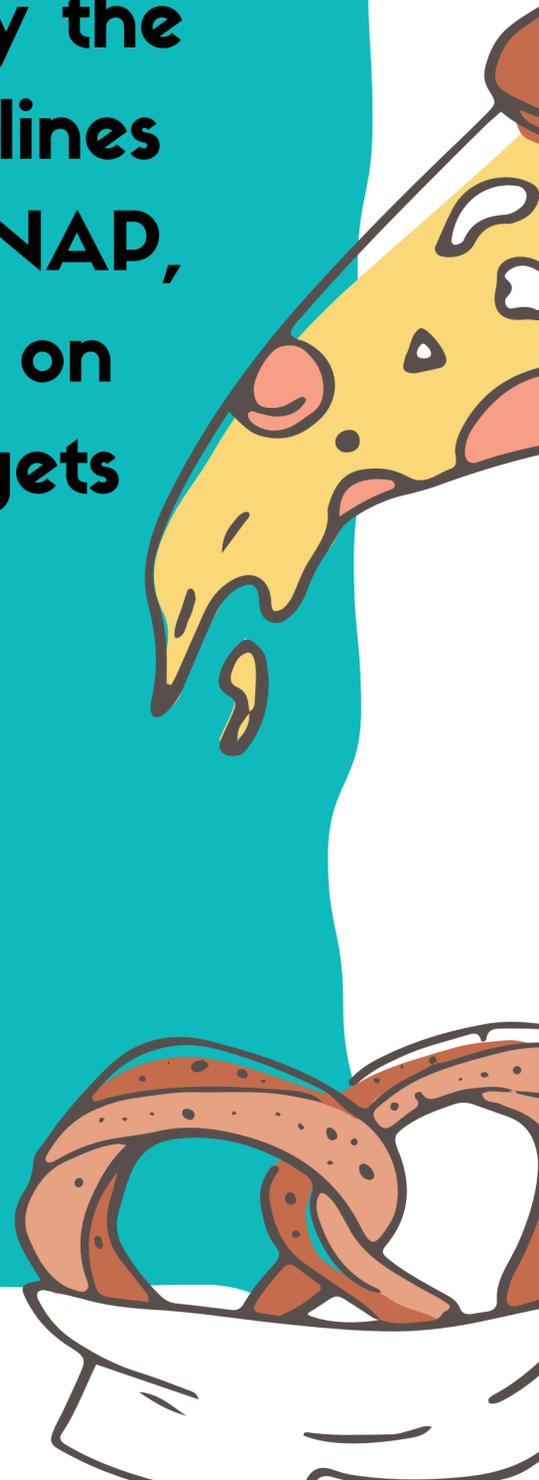
No, our school is not part of the Food Recovery Network or swipe sharing program.

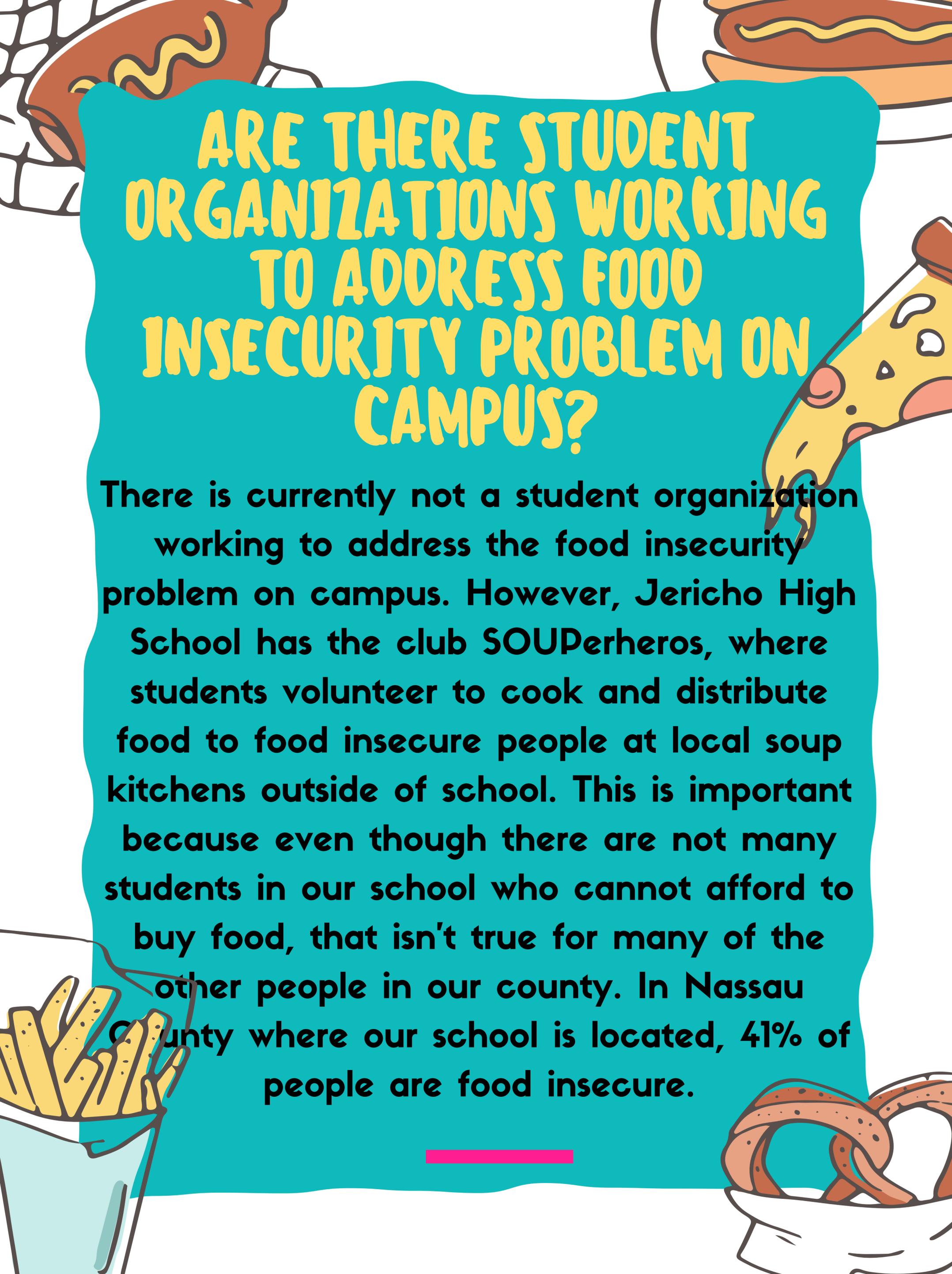




IS THERE A FOOD PANTRY ON CAMPUS?

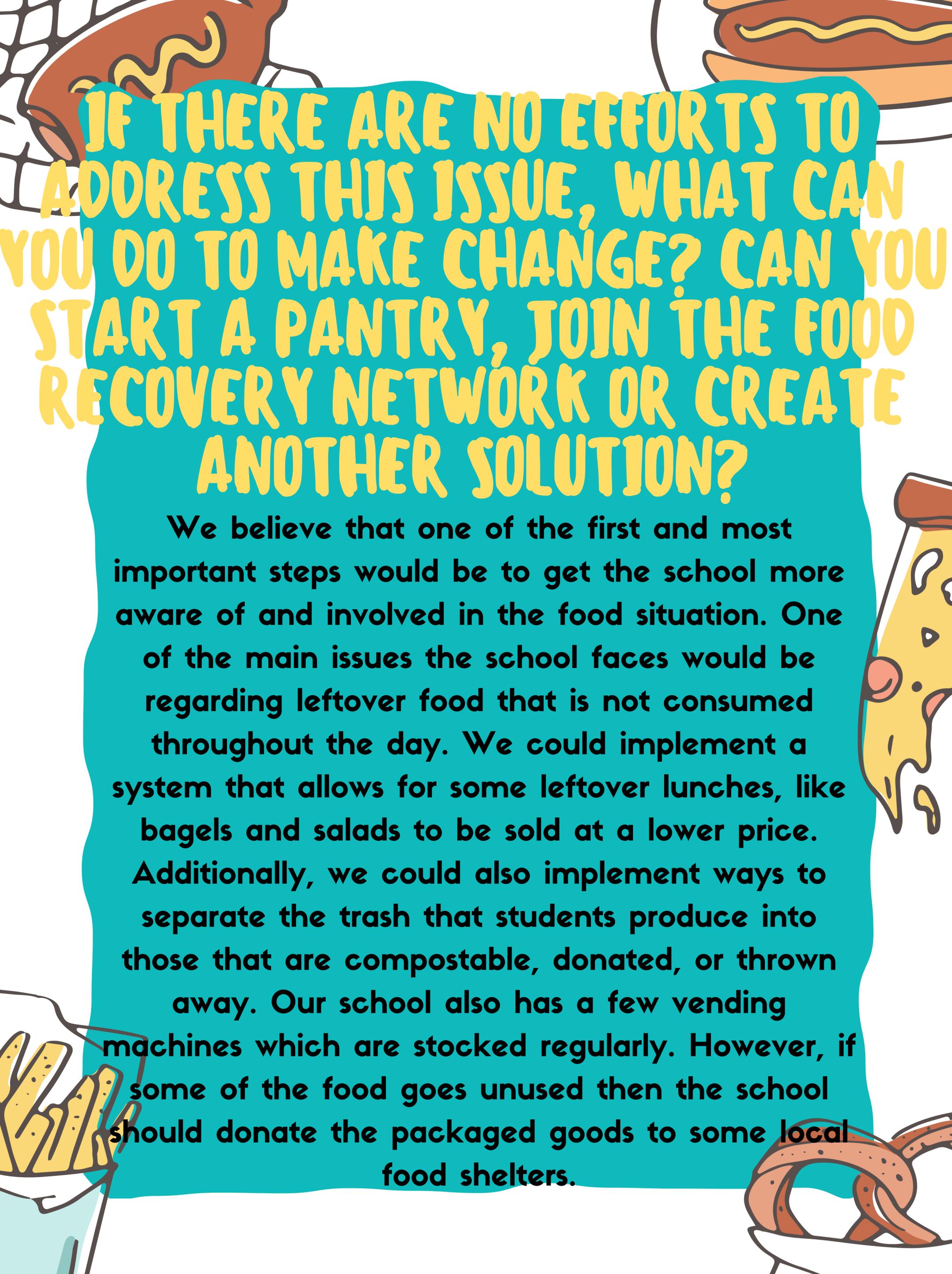
There is a cafeteria in our school but all of the food there costs money and there is no food that is free. However, some students in our school can qualify for a discounted or free lunch. Any student whose household income is below a certain amount set by the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines or whose family benefits from SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, or TANF gets free meals.



The background features a stylized illustration of food. At the top left, there's a brown bun with a yellow squiggle. At the top right, a hamburger with a yellow squiggle is visible. On the right side, a slice of pizza with pepperoni toppings is shown. At the bottom left, a blue cup contains yellow french fries. At the bottom right, a white bowl holds several brown pretzels.

ARE THERE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY PROBLEM ON CAMPUS?

There is currently not a student organization working to address the food insecurity problem on campus. However, Jericho High School has the club SOUPerheros, where students volunteer to cook and distribute food to food insecure people at local soup kitchens outside of school. This is important because even though there are not many students in our school who cannot afford to buy food, that isn't true for many of the other people in our county. In Nassau County where our school is located, 41% of people are food insecure.



IF THERE ARE NO EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MAKE CHANGE? CAN YOU START A PANTRY, JOIN THE FOOD RECOVERY NETWORK OR CREATE ANOTHER SOLUTION?

We believe that one of the first and most important steps would be to get the school more aware of and involved in the food situation. One of the main issues the school faces would be regarding leftover food that is not consumed throughout the day. We could implement a system that allows for some leftover lunches, like bagels and salads to be sold at a lower price. Additionally, we could also implement ways to separate the trash that students produce into those that are compostable, donated, or thrown away. Our school also has a few vending machines which are stocked regularly. However, if some of the food goes unused then the school should donate the packaged goods to some local food shelters.