



BENEFITS TO MEMBERS



1. Engage in **collaborative efforts** with like-minded operators to **change the face of school food service.**



2. Learn from and engage in **operational best practice sharing** and **thought leadership** for large, urban districts.

Case in Point

Through a joint procurement effort, Dallas ISD expects to **save more than \$358,000** over a two year period by switching from their current contract for plates to the compostable plate developed for USFA.

- This represents a **24% savings per case.**
- In this same period of time, Dallas will pay \$38,000 in dues to the USFA.
- This provides a **900% return** on the total dues payment for this two year period, with savings to continue year after year.
- Substantial savings and they now have compostable plates!



3. **Procurement strategy development** that seeks to improve the nutritional quality of school meals while lowering costs industry-wide.



4. Receive **exclusive updates on federal legislation** impacting child nutrition operations and gain the ability to **leverage a common voice** with legislative leaders and government officials for large urban districts.



5. **Work** with industry leaders to help **create and drive change.**



6. Gain **valuable insight from research projects** that look at nutritional quality of meals, procurement strategies, participation strategies and other industry trends.



7. **Build your network of professional peers** through opportunities to participate in annual meetings, our mentoring and professional exchange programs and training opportunities with travel paid for in part by USFA.

