INNOVATION:

What programs can be implemented to expand the program and increase menu variety?

Innovation is a new method, idea, product, etc. However, for us innovation is the hands-on involvement and straightforward communication that leads to tasty moments. In addition, innovation is about adopting a new mind-set when it comes to food service and in turn asking staff and administration to think about food differently. Our belief is to deliver delicious, healthy food to students, staff, parents and the community-at-large, in a caring and customer-friendly environment. Therefore, we will spend a significate amount of time in training staff in the importance of the guest experience; we want every student to feel like our guest.

Taher's Chef Council is truly one of a kind. Our Taher Chef Council isn't just made up of chefs who love to cook. It's made up of people who thrive on innovation, people who care about quality, and people who have a hunger for food education. Our chefs will take your students on a culinary excursion. Students will get to sample and enjoy international cuisines from all over the world. Your Chef will freshly prepare a meal to the request of our most important customer... your students. The menu will reflect a multitude of delicious selections from our "Chef Council Trips" that span so many of the cultures around the globe.

Superior quality combined with superior ingredients helps us bring superior dining and catering services to our customers. But the only way to be superior is to welcome and value the opinions of the school community, including those of staff, students, faculty, and guests of your school.

For example, Lake Havasu USD made the transition from another FSMC to Taher, Inc. in 2015 and they are our only school district partner in the state of Arizona, in addition to being in a remote and rural area. Below is a testimonial that speaks to our innovative mission.

"LHUSD was the first Taher contract in the State of Arizona. The company worked with the district to develop menus that our student demographic would consume. The palates of the mid-western student population are much different than what our students look for in entrée options. Taher has had student participation grow over the past years which is wonderful given that we are in a district of declining free/reduced percentages and student enrollment."



"Our program is financially stable with submitted budgets at or above projections. The district has passed two Administrative Reviews with Taher and I am happy to say there were no fiscal action findings. Taher has added new Nutrition Programs such as; "Kids in the Classroom", been involved with district activities, and reached out to the community to provide catering services. We are pleased that Taher is part of our district family!"

Ms. Anne Taffe, Child Nutrition Supervisor

You can view Lake Havasu's Instagram page here: https://www.instagram.com/taherlhusd/.

