Reducing Food Waste in Morgan Dining Hall
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Problem
Excess waste in WPI Morgan Dining Hall due to:
- Students take more food than they need
- Students want to “Get their money’s worth”
- Unfavorable taste
- Pre-determined portions

All of the above leads to the wasting of:
- Resources
- Energy
- Money

Benefits
- Reduce waste by 40-45%
- Environmentally friendly
- Greater profit
- Enhanced reputation

- Chartwells
- WPI
- Public Relations

Implemented System

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<th>Waste per person (Lb)</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Average of Both Days</th>
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<tr>
<td>Breakfast</td>
<td>0.12</td>
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<td>Lunch</td>
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<td>Dinner</td>
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<td>Daily Total*</td>
<td>0.55</td>
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*Assuming every student ate three meals a day.

Solutions
- Reward students for reduced waste
- Promote student involvement
  - Posters
  - Announcements
- Option for self serve

1. Weekly waste is compared to a set standard.
2. Students are rewarded with special meals of their choice if waste is below a set limit.
3. The limit will change weekly.
4. Students have the option of self serve at all stations.
5. The upcoming service and goal will be displayed and announced.

Costs
There will be no new costs. The student choice meals will be a substitution.

References