The Challenge

A power outage in the fall of 2017 left kids on the bus for nearly 4 hours on the way home without food, water or access to restrooms. The Ravenswood district feeds kids three hot meals a day. The neighboring districts do not provide breakfast or lunch to all students on a consistent basis and some do not serve any morning meal at all. Because of the local traffic, kids can be on the bus for up to 90 minutes each way.



The Pilot

We packed grab and go breakfast bags for 11 days with a fruit, a water and a combination of nutrition bar, jerky, cheese and crackers or protein pack.

We tried a combination of meeting the bus at school with the bags and dropping the food off at the last stop where the staff would help the driver to distribute it.

We made between 30-50 bags/day. Often kids would want to take more than one to have one to eat on the way home.be on the bus for up to 90 minutes each way.



Feedback

The kids truly appreciated the food. Some kids were more likely to take the bag if their friends did. One piece of positive feedback we got was that the jerky we gave was beef - the student had a dietary restriction about pork and was pleasantly surprised about the beef.

