

What is the main obstacle preventing kids from eating healthier? Research suggests it might simply be a lack of nutritious options – a problem throughout the Midwest.

Committed to increasing healthier options for students, Meijer and **Dole Food Company** have partnered to donate five salad bars to public schools in Detroit, Cincinnati and South Bend, Ind. These self-serve produce bars feature a wide array of fresh fruits and vegetables, to increase healthy choices for students at breakfast and lunch.

In early March 2014, Meijer and Dole dedicated the first of the new salad bars at Cornerstone Charter Health High School in Detroit. Read more about [Meijer and Dole's partnership](#).

“Meijer is best known for the freshness it offers in the grocery aisles, and we are pleased to partner with Dole to improve access to fresh produce with these salad bars,” said Brian Coates, senior produce buyer at Meijer. “With these salad bars donations Meijer aims to really impact the lives of students by making healthy food options readily available at school.”

The salad bars were arranged through a partnership with the United Fresh Foundation to support the organization's Let's Move Salad Bars to Midwest Schools initiative, a new multi-year campaign aimed at increasing produce consumption in children by donating salad bars to schools throughout the Midwest, including Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

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