



# ROOTED IN EXCELLENCE

## Vancouver Public Schools

OSPI recognizes Vancouver School District for excellence in the Scratch Cooking category. During the 2025–26 school year, the district incorporated student feedback gathered through a middle school advisory group. Students requested more Taco Tuesdays, prompting the district to expand scratch-made menu offerings such as pozole, arroz con pollo, enchilada bake, meatless fiesta bars, and tamale pie.

Vancouver School District also increased scratch cooking at breakfast by introducing a rotating menu of whole grain-rich, scratch-made muffins and granola, along with weekly “Fuel Up Friday” egg-based dishes.

*“Increasing scratch cooking and developing new standardized recipes has helped us maximize the use of USDA Foods while improving consistency and quality across our sites.”*

*Katy Bretanus  
Director, Nutrition Services*



Enchilada Bake



Pozole

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