Greet and thank staff for taking the time for the meeting AND that you appreciate their efforts everyday.
Georgia state department’s newest logo is Fueling Georgia’s Future. Which is exactly what we do every day. Our students rely on us to give them the fuel/energy they need to learn and grow. Without fuel even well-oiled machines do not run. We are fueling GA’s Future. The vision is three overlapping circles representing three key areas. Quality meals is at the top, the beginning and most important piece of our job. Insuring students have quality meals they will eat. Professional Development includes this quick training and other trainings we attend and do. It includes making sure we have the knowledge, skills and tools we need to do our jobs, all the while giving exceptional customer service. The last circle is Student and Community Engagement, which connects students, staff and the community. It includes involving the students through activities such as taste tests. Take advantage of parent meetings, school staff and other community events. Every time we can present what we are doing helps build support and ultimately brings more customers.
We are an integral part of the education system and it is important we show that.
Shake It Up in School nutrition is a Georgia Department of Education State Board initiative. It is part of what we are doing to make our program the best it can be.

The initiative focuses on 3 key areas, just like our vision for school nutrition. Tasty Meals, Friendly Cafeterias, and Happy Schools are Quality Meals, Professional Development and Student and Community Engagement.
These pictures are from schools that are shaking it up—look at all of the different ways they are meeting their SIU goals with Tasty Meals. They are presenting beautiful, flavorful Georgia Grown meals.
The Professional Development circle includes Friendly Cafeterias pillar. It is about trainings like this and others that increase our culinary skills and knowledge. Tracking our hours we spend training to make sure we meet or exceed the national requirements. It is also about excellent customer service. Making sure we have the skills knowledge and tools to be the best we can while providing excellent service to our students – our customers.