

Interview with our kitchen-staff

From 2013 onwards we had a great caterer for our school kitchen. They served fresh and healthy food. The number of students who had lunch at school increased step by step:



But unfortunately that changed at the beginning of august 2020. Our caterer changed, students, parents, teachers fought against the ministry of school...but we lost. Students and parents complained about the quality of the food, the food not eaten and thrown increased, and the number of students having lunch at school decreased rapidly.

Interview with our friendly kitchen-staff:

School-Staff

What is the favorite food
of our students? **Kitchen-Staff**

The favorite food of the
students is pasta.

School-Staff

How much food is thrown
every day?

Kitchen-Staff

Around 5-6 buckets.

One bucket holds 10kg.

Kitchen-Staff

Only around 4 buckets if pasta is served!

School-Staff

So, around 60kg of food are thrown every day!

Why is so much food thrown? **School-Staff**

Kitchen-Staff

It is also a problem that the delivered fresh fruits and vegetables aren't calculated well. The caterer mostly delivers too much. Several times we had to throw a few kg of carrots, salads and other fruits and vegetables.

Kitchen-Staff

The students get too much food on their plates.

E.g. the 1st graders don't manage to finish 1 portion. But we have very strict regulations that we have to serve every student the exact gram of food. The regulations were made by the government.

Why is too much delivered? **Kitchen-Staff** Before we didn't have to throw so much fresh fruits and vegetables. We were calculating and ordering. But this changed several months ago. The caterer just sends a certain amount without a proper calculation.

School-Staff

That is very sad. Are you

allowed to take some of it? **Kitchen-Staff**

No, we are definitely not.
It would be theft.

School-Staff

Do you know what happens

to the wasted food? **Kitchen-Staff**

No, you should ask the
driver.

Interview with the driver:

School-Staff

Do you know what happens to
wasted food?

Driver

Yes, the food is burned.

Our prior school caterer brought the left-over and non processed food to a society for poor people. We were very shocked that so much food is wasted every day. The kitchen-staff doesn't know if this is caused by the caterer or by the strict regulations of the Berlin government.

Due to that information we will write a letter to our school caterer in order to change that situation.

In fact, we hope that we will be catered again by our prior school caterer at the

beginning of August 2022. The waste of food was extremely low due to quality, taste and good management.