Rochester City Schools get funding for salad bars

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Kids in the Rochester City School District and Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School now have access to more fresh vegetables at school.

Clara Barton School No. 2 and Dr. Walter Cooper Academy School No. 10 are among the first to receive the new salad bars made possible by funding from the Greater Rochester Health Foundation.

Healthi Kids, an initiative of the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency advocated for healthier food, like salad bars, in RCSD cafeterias. After reviewing their recommendations, the District agreed that the salad bars would be a great addition in the elementary schools, but had no way to fund the equipment.

The Greater Rochester Health Foundation stepped in with a donation of $28,946, so seven elementary schools could receive a salad bar of their own by the end of 2016.