



**“The staff has been thrilled and their work performance has improved due to the newfound confidence in the equipment they’re using.”**

Jay Rawlinitis,  
Assistant Food Service Director for Bloomfield Public Schools

## Upgrade Helps Bloomfield School Serve Student Lunches With a Smile

Serving 2,068 Bloomfield students across seven schools with a restricted school nutrition program budget is no small feat, but Bloomfield Public Schools continues to look for opportunities to improve school lunch service.

Bloomfield Public Schools recently replaced an unreliable 20-year-old oven at Carmen Arace Middle School, converting from electric ignition to new natural gas convection. In addition to providing more dependable functions, temperature control for accurate food production and batch cooking with better quality control, replacing the inefficient and aging oven also helps reduce maintenance time and repairs.

With the Connecticut Kitchen Equipment Rebate available through Energize Connecticut and Connecticut Natural Gas (CNG), the Town of Bloomfield purchased

and installed the new ENERGY STAR® rated commercial oven. CNG, a subsidiary of AVANGRID, Inc., helped Bloomfield save an estimated \$100 a year in energy costs by securing the town a \$500 project incentive.

- Project:** Carmen Arace Middle School, Bloomfield
- Measures:** Purchase and installation of a new ENERGY STAR rated commercial oven
- Estimated Incentive:** **\$500**
- Annual Energy Savings:** **75.2 ccf** natural gas
- Annual Cost Savings:** **\$100**

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