



THRIVE! Southern Lorain County Funds Water Bottle Filler for McCormick Middle School

Now, students of McCormick Middle School can fill up on a healthy beverage that Moms and Dads would approve of: water.

According to City of Columbus Public Health, every serving of sugary drinks a child consumes increases his or her chances of becoming overweight or obese by about 60%.

Students, faculty and staff at McCormick can bring bottles and fill them up without the drinking fountain feature, thereby reducing surface contact and making the unit safer from the spread of COVID, colds and the flu.

THRIVE! funded the Water Bottle Filler for McCormick to encourage kids to choose “Water First for Thirst,” the campaign initiated by the City of Columbus that has been adopted by many state municipalities and health-oriented organizations, including THRIVE!.

The McCormick appliance follows on the heels of a Water Bottle Filler installed at the Wellington High School cafeteria in 2020, also paid for by THRIVE!. When the coronavirus pandemic struck the country that year, Wellington High School Principal Tina Drake approached THRIVE! to fund an installation that would reduce physical contact with a bubbler, the spread of bacteria and, ultimately, absenteeism at the school caused by illness.

Previously, THRIVE! partially funded “hydration stations” – sleek new water bubblers -- at Westwood Elementary, McCormick Middle School and Wellington High School in 2018.

THRIVE! – always looking out for the health of southern Lorain County kids!

