

Welcoming Intro

I would like to welcome you all (today, tonight) and thank you for coming. As you know, children's health is declining in America at a dramatic rate. The Centers for Disease Control say that, "We are facing a childhood obesity epidemic." "This generation of children will be the first in the nation's history to live shorter lives than those of their parents."

Shockingly:

- 35% of American Children are obese or at risk.
- 30% of boys born in 2000 and 40% of girls will develop diabetes.
- There are soaring rates of asthma, ADD, anxiety, autism, learning disorders and depression among children.
- 1 in 4 children take prescription medication daily for chronic illness.
- There has been a 2000% increase in amphetamine prescriptions for children since 1990.

For many children in America, the foods they eat while in school represent the largest portion of their daily diet. The film we are about to view takes this highly important topic and helps us to understand how the institution of school food impacts the health of our kids and how we can work to affect positive change.

Thanks again for coming. I look forward to hearing your thoughts following the film.