## Consider this...

Nearly 40\% of food in the United States goes to waste instead of being eaten. Because producing food requires a lot of water and energy, it is not just the food that is wasted, but water and energy resources as well.

Imagine that a school tries to reduce food waste in their own cafeteria by fining students who do not finish the food they buy for lunch. For every piece of food that is bought from the cafeteria and thrown away instead of being eaten, a student must pay $\$ 1.00$.

