



## Child Nutrition Report for November 2025 School Board Meeting Highlighting October 2025 Activities

Department:	Child Nutrition
HR Business Services Committee:	11.10.2025
Regular Board Meeting:	11.18.2025
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### What We're Working On:

- The newly formed Wellness committee had its first meeting. The committee is made up of staff, community members, parents and grandparents. The committee will meet quarterly and will be revising the current wellness policy.
- Farm to School Month was celebrated by our cafeterias, promoting Minnesota grown/harvested products weekly. The Minnesota Great Apple Crunch was also a fun event celebrated in October with local apples, and Johnny Appleseed making another appearance. The students at Stowe and Laura Macarthur were thrilled to meet Johnny and get some stickers and coloring pages from him. Photos included with report
- Received notification of a State of Minnesota Audit of our After school meals program at Denfeld High School. The auditor will be present for the meal service in the later part of November, and will be going through all records that are required to operate the program.
- Submitted a Farm to School Grant that would be for Farm to School products next summer and the following school year. Recipients will be notified in January 2026 if they were selected for funds. The grant is a 50/50 match grant.
- The Food Service Unit has a newly settled 3 year contract, we are working through the changes with Human Resources.

### Applications for Educational Benefits update:

- Once a year our program is required to randomly select a percentage of our applications for verification of income from the applicant. This process was completed in October.
- Oct 31, 2025 Statistics Enrollment 8217 Students  
2943 Students Free – 36%  
530 Students Reduced –6%

### Staffing Report:

- Currently 3 jobs are open. East, Ordean, and Laura Macarthur

