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Claims;

- We have now gone through a full month of school lunch and breakfast. Most of the bumps that we had to start the year with have been taken care of. Our breakfast numbers are still down, and I am sure that they will stay down without the free breakfast program. That being said our number for breakfasts in September were 18,699 served this year compared to 34,848 served in 2017. That is a difference of 16,149 and of that number 8,857 of the difference in not having classroom breakfast anymore. We are adding new items for breakfast each month. We have been informed by some of our kitchens that the kids are eating the hot breakfast items better than even cold cereal.
- Our lunch numbers for September 2018 were 50,266 compared to 54,052 in 2017. We served 19 days in 2018 and 20 days in 2017. We averaged 2,645 per day this year and 2703 last year. We have been increasing the number of items that we serve on our salad bars and will continue to do so until we have a salad bar that the students can go through and get a complete reimbursable meal from the salad bar.
- Our total claim for September 2018 is \$160,886.55 compared to \$190,371.84 in 2017.

Projects;

- We have finished all of the freezer and cooler box projects except some finish work at Minico High.
- We have two dishwasher disposals that are being worked on at this time and at least one more disposal that may need to be replaced.

We are in the process now of verifying applications for the year. We take 3% of out of the applications and our Nutrikids software Program randomly selects applications to be verified. The people that are selected have to verify their income with us to keep their benefits for free or reduced lunch and breakfast. This is something that is done every year during the month of October. We also have a number of applications that we verify because people have sent in more than one application with different income on each application. These extra

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applications are verified for cause which we can verify anytime during the school year.

We are still looking for sub cooks. We have hired two this last month but are looking for about four more.

We have also started an afternoon snack program with the Boys and Girls Club at Rupert Elementary that takes students from both Rupert Elementary and Acequia Elementary. At this time there are 60 kids enrolled and we are serving 40 kids per day. This program will go on into May.