



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: June 11, 2025 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Jessica Durrant, Director K-8 Curriculum/Instruction, Federal Programs

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

We are requesting permission to apply for a \$30,000 grant from the Josephine County System of Care Network. The grant will be used to reinstate the FORK (Feeding Our Rural Kids) program. The FORK program is dedicated to providing snacks/food for elementary students experiencing food insecurity over the weekend. Food items would be sent home with identified students on Thursday each week. The grant would also fund the delivery of food boxes during Spring Break in March 2026.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Three Rivers elementary FORK program was implemented during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year and was a partnership with Rotary and Josephine County Food Bank. Funding for the FORK program was not available for the 2024-2025 school year and our families have shared with us how much losing this grant has impacted their family. When the FORK program was in effect in 2022-2023, during a three month time period from November to February, we served over 180 students and gave out a total of 10,137 pieces of food. This had a huge impact on our elementary students. With \$25,000 of the requested funding, we will provide weekly non-perishable snacks/food to students facing food insecurity. An additional \$5,000 will fund food boxes for families during Spring Break, a critical time when children may not have access to school meals.

List the advantages of your proposal:

A huge advantage with having the FORK program is the additional nutritious resources we can provide for families. Food insecurity is a reality for so many of our families and we want our students to be fed over the weekend when there isn't school to provide them with two meals each day.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Disadvantages of not applying or not receiving the grant would be that FORK services are not offered to our families.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

The alternative to this grant is potential alternate funding. This is unlikely as we were not able to secure funding for the 2024-2025 school year and we would like to bring it back for our students.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐