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SUBJECT: Child Nutrition – FY 2017-18 Free Breakfast Program

Donna Turnipseed, Director of Child Nutrition, has requested that we continue to provide free breakfast meals to all students. According to the attached spreadsheet, it appears that the free breakfast program has grown this last school year. The increase in participation does increase the cost to the district by approximately \$15,000.00. We will update the budget for 2017-18 as the final meal count is calculated for the 2016-17 school year.

This marks the third year of this pilot program with the success of the program demonstrated in the growth in meals served in 2016-17. We believe that it is time to end the pilot status of the program and recognize the program as a service of the district to be incorporated in the district budget in future years.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read:

***The Finance Committee moves to budget necessary funds to continue to provide free breakfast meals to all Fort Smith Public School students for the school year 2017-2018. In addition, the free breakfast program will be incorporated under the normal budget process in future years.***

**Fort Smith Public Schools  
Free Breakfast Program  
Forecasts for FY 2017-18**

| <u>Month</u> | <b>Free Breakfast Meal Counts</b> |                |                |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|              | <u>2014-15</u>                    | <u>2015-16</u> | <u>2016-17</u> |
| August       | 6,016                             | 5,364          | 6,662          |
| September    | 9,498                             | 9,601          | 10,532         |
| October      | 10,059                            | 8,964          | 9,917          |
| November     | 7,441                             | 7,531          | 9,343          |
| December     | 5,859                             | 5,286          | 6,547          |
| January      | 7,339                             | 6,972          | 8,727          |
| February     | 7,027                             | 7,739          | 8,977          |
| March        | 5,891                             | 6,975          | 8,414          |
| April        | 8,251                             | 8,074          | est 8,074      |
| May          | 7,448                             | 6,581          | est 6,581      |
|              | <u>74,829</u>                     | <u>73,087</u>  | <u>83,774</u>  |

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| Increase estimated from FY16 to FY17 | 10,687 |
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