

VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

School Nutrition Program **Annual Report**

Sarah Dyer, Director



Our Mission

To share the vision of healthy children
so that every student is able to reach
his/her full potential with the ability to
make healthy choices at an
economical cost.

Feeding Healthy Minds

TO: KEEVIN O'NEILL & THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: SARAH DYER
DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2021

The assistance that Vicksburg Community Schools' School Nutrition Program is able to provide to our students is both fundamental and indispensable. While finances can be a bit of a balancing act for many households, the school meals program continued to be vital as we served approximately 361,000 nourishing meals during the year! Promoting a healthy eating lifestyle, school meals continue to be fresh, economical, and value packed!

Federal funding has had a huge positive impact on our program this year. First and foremost is that our students are consuming more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and other healthy options. During the 2020-2021 school year we experienced an increase in both school breakfast and lunch participation. We saw a 10% increase in lunch participation and a 2% increase in breakfast participation. We continue to see numbers steadily climbing in the 2021-2022 school year as well.

Average daily participation increased by approximately 60 students for both breakfast and lunch each day, districtwide. This trend is continuing for the current school year as well, as we are seeing the daily participation increase by 290 for both breakfast and lunch. This is an additional 580 meals served each day! Even with the increase in participation, we have not had an increase in staffing.

Due to the pandemic, school breakfast and lunch were free to all students throughout the 2020-2021 school year. This meant offering meals to all students (both virtual and in person) each day. Along with meals served on school days, we continued providing meals to the community, through a weekly meal pick up at the high school. Not only were meals free, USDA provided additional funding, which allowed for higher reimbursement rates for all meals served last year.

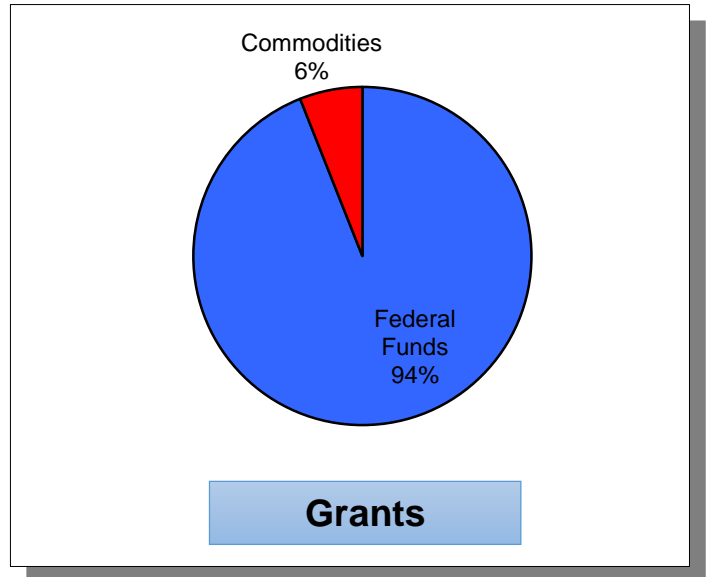
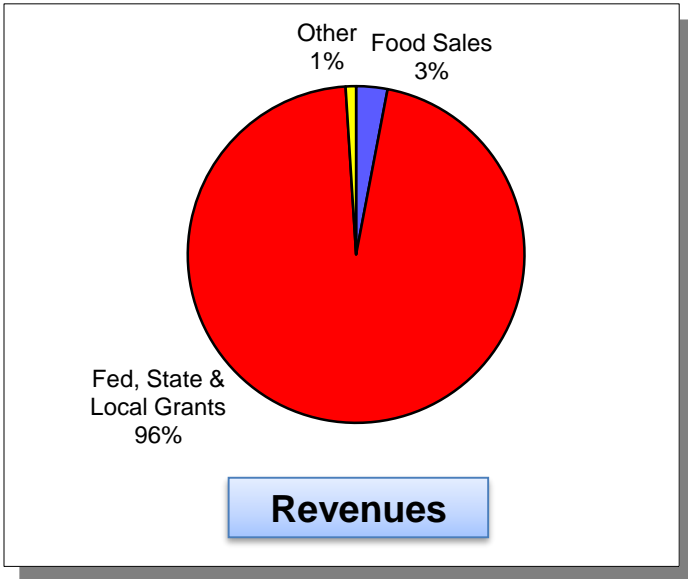
With increased participation and funding, we were able to update some key kitchen equipment. Each building received a new dishwashing unit, and we were also able to purchase several new steamers, warming carts and convection ovens. We were also able to replace condensers and evaporators on several of our walk in coolers and freezers. These equipment updates were necessary as some of the equipment that was replaced dated back to the 1950's.

We remain focused on *feeding* the *healthy minds* of our Vicksburg Community Schools students.

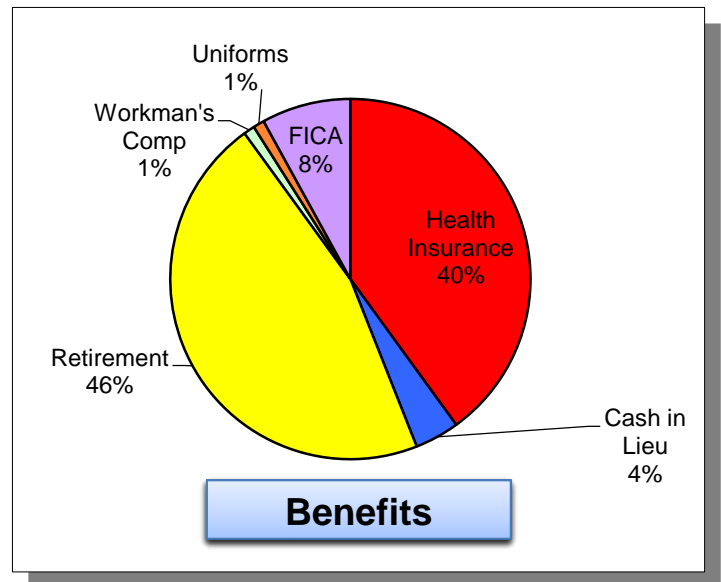
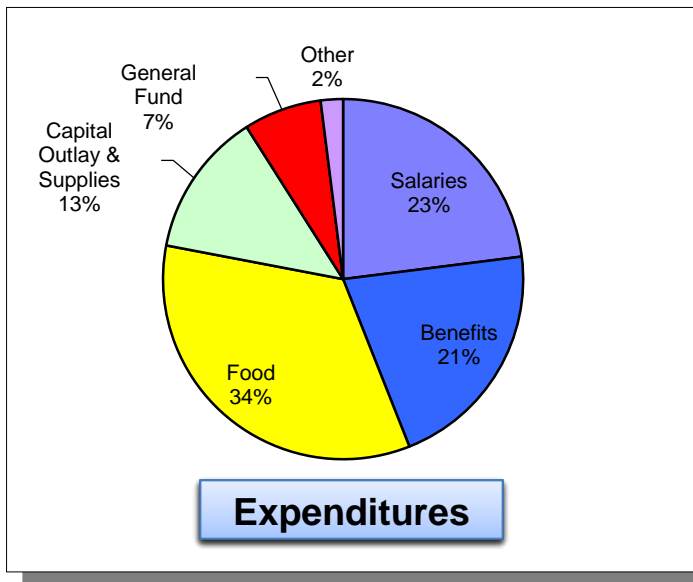
**SCHOOL NUTRITION
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
AT A FIVE-YEAR GLANCE**

REVENUE FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION					
	16-17 ACTUAL	17-18 ACTUAL	18-19 ACTUAL	19-20 ACTUAL	20-21 ACTUAL
Food Sales	\$501,619	\$486,543	\$469,152	\$349,414	\$47,738
Federal, State & Local Grants	\$681,664	\$679,868	\$657,514	\$1,247,259	\$1,421,136
Other (<i>misc. income, lunch interest & banquet</i>)	\$528	\$2,255	\$17,411	\$3,992	\$4,976
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,183,811	\$1,168,666	\$1,144,077	\$1,600,665	\$1,473,850
EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION					
	16-17 ACTUAL	17-18 ACTUAL	18-19 ACTUAL	19-20 ACTUAL	20-21 ACTUAL
Salaries	\$315,801	\$324,079	\$347,915	\$306,772	\$297,488
Benefits	\$268,723	\$270,603	\$310,719	\$289,503	\$260,201
Food	\$472,478	\$448,112	\$446,534	\$548,073	\$432,415
Capital Outlay / Supplies	\$61,586	\$29,466	\$25,537	\$33,314	\$160,421
Other	\$18,419	\$17,873	\$14,984	\$45,864	\$30,287
Indirect Cost Reimbursement to General Fund	\$75,000	\$62,120	\$75,000	\$80,000	\$83,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS	\$1,212,007	\$1,152,253	\$1,220,689	\$1,303,526	\$1,263,812

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



VCS School Nutrition Fun Facts 2020-2021

Quick Bites

- ☺ We served 145,302 school breakfasts – 27% of our students.
- ☺ We served 215,702 school lunches – 62% of our students.
- ☺ 33% of our families qualify for financial assistance.
- ☺ The total hours of Professional Development between 15 School Nutrition employees (including the Director) was over 300 hours.
- ☺ Over \$180,000 was spent on new equipment upgrades
- ☺ Our lunches reached 1/3 of our students' recommended daily nutritional allowances.
- ☺ Our breakfasts reached 1/4 of our students' recommended daily nutritional allowance.

