

## **Child Nutrition Report March 2021 Activities**

We continue to serve hot breakfast and lunch meals in the elementary, middle and high schools and Rockridge Academy. Bagged breakfast and bagged lunch are available for pick up at Ordean-East Middle School, Denfeld High School for distance learners. Meals in-school and for pickup continue to be available at no charge.

Continued training for the Cafeteria Managers on the new Healthy E menu software. The Healthy E menu software is USDA approved for Meal Programs. The program includes a menu planning tool, production record module, and nutrient menu analysis. This program helps ensure that all USDA, MDE meal regulations are met through menu planning and record keeping. Our Cafeteria Managers are excited to utilize this computer program, which makes the daily required documentation of food records, more efficient.

Continued to reallocate Child Nutrition staff in buildings as needed to cover vacancies. Positions continue to go unfilled and is reaching the critical stage as all schools are open for in-person learning and we are still supporting distance learning meals.

Contingency plans for a Covid outbreak and Covid quarantine in the kitchens are also being discussed. MDH & CDC guidelines continue to be followed in our Cafeterias to keep our students and staff safe.

Commodities from the USDA have been ordered for the upcoming school year. Department of Defense Produce program has also been renewed for the upcoming school year. Menu planning and labor allocations are being reviewed for the upcoming school year.

Grocery & produce availability are at a premium as the supply chain to vendors continues to have disruptions in shipping and completing orders. Menu substitutions are utilized when groceries ordered for the menu are not delivered.

As the USDA Summer Meals guidelines are reviewed, planning for the Summer Meals has begun. USDA and the State of Minnesota Food & Nutrition, state that more information will be coming toward the end April for this program.