

Food Service Board Report January 10th, 2018

Happy New Year! I'm excited to report that over the holiday break we received our new dishware for the Thorne Bay School. The initial order included supplies for cleaning and organization. We will be completing the transition to sustainable dishware from paper products at the end of this month. I will be overseeing the transition and teaching/coaching the students on the new processes of cleaning off their plates and sorting the dishes in place of tossing nearly everything in the trash for the first week or two.

The transition from paper to washable/reusable dishware will save the district up to six thousand dollars a year, by my estimation. This includes addition labor and utility costs due to washing more dishes daily. I also calculated in a 35% yearly replacement rate for broken and/or lost items. Thorne bay is the only site to my knowledge that was primarily using disposables to serve meals on.

Also, during the break, Hollis School's kitchen received an update. The storage area was remodeled and a new dishwasher and 3-compartment sink was installed. They also received two new standing freezers and new stainless steel restaurant quality refrigerator. I did a site visit to deliver product to them and check in on how they liked their new equipment after the break. The cook and teachers there were still getting use to the new set up and equipment, however, they were quite pleased overall.

The Government shutdown has not affected the NSLP (National School Lunch Program)'s funding. They have appropriated funding that can support program operations at normal levels well into the month of March. The USDA is also still funded and supporting the CNP (Child Nutrition Program). We should have zero effect in funding and reimbursements.

Thank You,

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