

Memo



To: Dr. Karla Guseman
CC: Board of Education
From: Dr. Ilandus Hampton
Date: 12/17/24
Re: Summer Food Service Program

In 2008 the General Assembly of the State of Illinois passed legislation that complies with the federal laws and regulations requiring school districts to provide food service during the summer months. The school district has the option to provide breakfast or lunch or both. The Public Act 096-0734 is based on individual schools' eligibility for free and reduced meals. If a school has 50% or more in eligibility as of October 31 and offers a summer school program, it qualifies.

The District does have a right to "Opt Out" of the program by petitioning the Regional Office of Education by January 15, 2025.

Attached is a report prepared by Mr. Brian Shaw. As you will see, the District estimates a loss for operating the program. Mr. Shaw's report states that there are several other sites in the Joliet area that offer the program.

The administration recommends that the District not offer summer food service program for the summer of 2025. The District would petition the Regional Office of Education to "opt-out" of the summer food service program.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Thank you.