



# CHELSEA

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

### FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

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**To:** Board of Education  
**From:** Chris Simpson  
**Re:** May Food Service Board Report  
**Date:** 5/13/2026

I cannot believe that we are already looking toward the last few weeks of this school year! It has gone so fast and doesn't show any signs of slowing down. May is a unique time in food service as we begin the balancing act of maintaining our daily operations while also beginning to get things ready for the summer shutdown! I am working with the head cooks from each building to make sure our last menus are using items we have on hand to minimize our inventory as we head into the summer. Of course, our Full Day Preschool and the Senior Center operate all summer long, but that is obviously not to the same scale as our typical operation. I will be busy this summer refreshing menus for the fall, ensuring opening orders are in place for a successful return, and hiring additional staff to fill the gaps we are currently dealing with.

Something else exciting happening this summer will be getting ready to reopen the kitchen at Pierce Lake! Currently, we have been delivering food each day from CHS for the preschool and GSRP programs. With the addition of Young 5's being in the space in the fall, we won't be able to deliver food at that quantity while maintaining the quality that we strive for. I have been in the process of looking at equipment to fit the kitchen and should be receiving quotes in the next few weeks. Our plan is to have the kitchen ready to go for Fall of 2026-2027. We are also planning to use this kitchen as a kind of catering hub for our operations as well. I am very excited to see how this all turns out and will be sure to include pictures! A huge thanks to Sarah Bentley, Erin Martin and their teams, as well as Ross Potgiesser and his team for the work they are doing and have done to prepare the space!

#### **Staffing:**

- Dee Fojtik is officially set to retire at the end of this year! We will be sad to see her go but wish her all the best in retirement and thank her for over 20 years of work in Chelsea Food Service!
- We will be posting for multiple jobs this summer, so if you know anyone interested, please send them my way!

#### **Financials:**

- The Senior Center ran through April with a sales volume of about \$16,500.
- Participation remains steady at around 60% throughout the district for our breakfast and lunch programs!

Respectfully,  
Chris Simpson, Director of Food Services  
Chelsea School District