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**TO: Members, Board of Education
Dr. Constance Collins, Superintendent**

FROM: Therese M. O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

RE: Food Service Program

DATE: May 25, 2010

Commencing with the 2007-08 school year, Oak Park District 97 entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Oak Park/River Forest High school for the provision of freshly prepared meals satellited from the high school to District 97's K-5 and 6-8 schools for a term of four years (through the 2010-11 school year). When the contract was entered into a provision was included that rewarded Oak Park District 97 when it successfully served 1,027,273 meals (full-payment for upfront purchase of additional food service equipment). This reward was an 11 cent decrease in the per meal price. While hitting the "million + meal mark" was not anticipated until somewhat near the close of the 2010-11 school year, in fact, we hit that mark in mid-April of 2010 (2009-10 school year) and will enjoy a K-5 meal price for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year of \$1.49 (not \$1.60), or a 6.9% decrease, and a 6-8 meal price of \$1.67 (not \$1.78) or a 6.2% decrease. For the month of April, we received a credit of \$1,627.99 for 14,799 meals served (1,042,072 meals served minus the 1,027,273 threshold). We will receive a credit on all meals served the entire month of May and the three days of service in June. Given that we surpassed the "million + mark" earlier than anticipated is indicative of greater participation in and hopefully satisfaction with our improved meal service.

For the 2010-11 school, we will be experiencing a zero increase in the food service meal price of 2009-10, returning to the \$1.60 (K-5) and \$1.78 (6-8) from the reduced price of \$1.49 (K-5) and \$1.67 (6-8) for a portion of April, May and June, 2010.

Attached are two spreadsheets, one delineating all revenues received and expenses incurred as of May 12, 2010, and a second projecting end-of-year revenues and expenses. Specific to the first one, the program is self-funded depicting a small surplus of \$7,402 (revenue of \$1,286,632 minus expenses of \$1,279,230). Likewise for the year-end projections, again a small surplus presents itself, \$1,436 (revenues of \$1,474,404 minus expenses of \$1,472,968). It is for this reason that I am recommending no increase in food service meal or milk prices for the 2010-11 school year.

The Food Service Coordinator, Diane Boyd, has been working with Micheline Piekarski, Food Service Director from the high school and members of the Wellness Committee to promote a varied and healthy menu. In order to measure the food service program's success in doing same, a survey of students and parents was undertaken during the first two weeks of May, 2010 with results due May 13, 2010. We are currently reviewing this data and will share complete results, as an information item, in the June 14, 2010 Board packet.

Attachments (2)

