



# CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

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**To:** Board of Education

**From:** Chris Simpson

**Re:** November Food Service Board Report

**Date:** 11/12/2025



Hello Chelsea Board of Education! Happy November! Food Service continues to march along and we are doing well! We had some fun on Halloween at the end of October with themed meals at each building! Our middle school, elementary schools, and preschoolers all had “Mummy” Hot Dogs for lunch! At the high school, my team made 400 personal pizzas into mini Jack-O-Lanterns! I am so proud of the way my team across the board embraced the holiday and made it fun for all the students!

November marked a new set of promotions that came down from Chartwells and is meant to be run until February. It's called Chili Days, Warm Bellies, and it's all about comfort food recipes that are warm and cozy to get us through the cold days of late fall and early winter! We are featuring a recipe from this promotion once per month at the elementary level and once per week at the secondary level! This past Tuesday, 11/11, all of our schools featured Sloppy Joe TOTchos which included homemade sloppy joes served over crispy tater tots! We also have our yearly Thanksgiving lunch menu happening on Friday 11/21. Between all of the kitchens and the turkey for the big Thanksgiving meal at the Chelsea Senior Center, we are preparing to roast and slice over 1000 servings of turkey! I know my staff is looking forward to having a few days off at the end of the month to relax and rest and spend some quality time with their families!

### Staffing:

- I am in talks with Marcus Kaemming and Nicole Lechner about bringing on a driver. We hired a driver/asst cook in the middle of the year but they needed to transition to sub status this year. Our driver would transport preschool meals from CHS to Pierce Lake, move items between buildings as needed, and pick up the preschool dishes after lunch. I am the one currently handling these responsibilities and need to free myself up for my other duties! They would also deliver meals to the Young Adult Program, as they are currently picking up their meals from South Meadows. We are looking at a couple of different ways to make this work and I appreciate their collaboration on this topic!

### Financials:

- The Senior Center ran through October with a sales volume of about \$16,700.
- 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