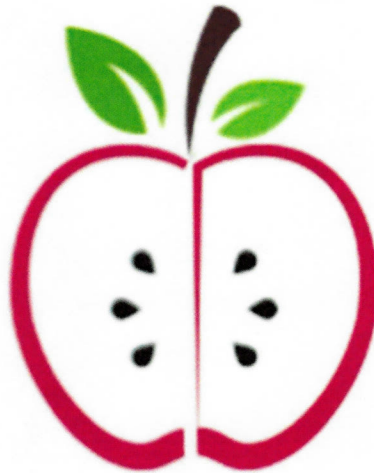


# VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## **School Nutrition Program** **Annual Report**

Sarah Dyer, Director



### Our Mission

To share the vision of healthy children  
so that every student is able to reach  
his/her full potential with the ability to  
make healthy choices at an  
economical cost.

*Feeding Healthy Minds*

TO: KEEVIN O'NEILL & THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FROM: SARAH DYER  
DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 2024

The assistance that Vicksburg Community Schools' School Nutrition Program is able to provide to our students is both fundamental and indispensable. While finances can be a bit of a balancing act for many households, the school meals program continued to be vital as we served almost 500,000 nourishing meals during the year! This is nearly 165,000 more meals than the previous year. Promoting a healthy eating lifestyle, school meals continue to be fresh, economical, and value packed!

Federal regulations have an impact on our program each year. The positive outcome is that our students are consuming more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and other healthy options. During the 2023-2024 school year we experienced a staggering 100% increase in school breakfast participation and 35% increase in lunch participation, due to the transition back to free school meals.

The Great Start Readiness Programs (Bulldog Beginnings) have had a direct positive effect at all three elementary schools. These programs gave us the opportunity to provide breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack to an additional 48 students. These students have been determined to be "at-risk" and therefore qualify most often for free or reduced school meals.

Federal commodities are based on lunch participation - for every lunch we serve we received \$0.3650 in food commodities. For the 2023-2024 school year, we were allotted \$76,104.69 in food commodities. We are able to offer this due to membership with the MOR Consortium. Since we are members of this consortium, we were able to use more money than we were allotted, granting us an additional \$40,006.94 in entitlement dollars. Being a member of a co-op, we purchase commodities as a group and thereby receive many benefits including, large quantity discounts, greater food variety, and valuable rebates.

The biggest piece of news was that the governor included school meals in her budget, and it was met with bi-partisan support and her budget was signed. This allows each student access to a free school breakfast and lunch each school day.

With the increase in federal dollars over the last couple years, we were again able to update some kitchen equipment. The high School received some additional cafeteria tables and all five kitchens will be receiving new serving lines.

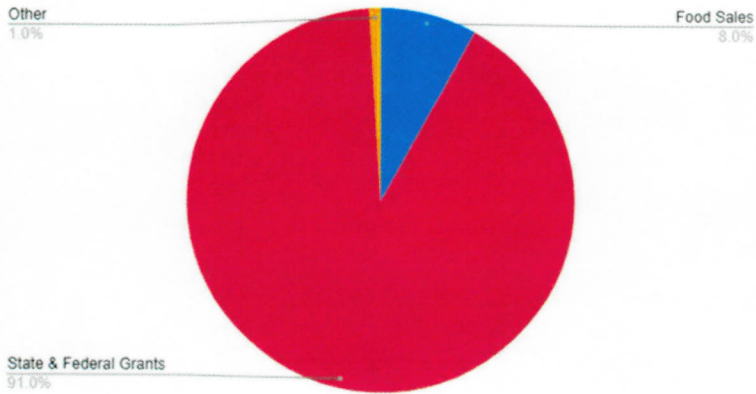
Over the last 5 years, our department has provided meals through 4 different state and federal programs. It has been a challenging time to make sure we are providing healthy meals, that students enjoy, while also following each program's requirements. Through it all, we remain focused on **feeding** the **healthy minds** of our Vicksburg Community Schools students.

**FOOD SERVICE  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES  
AT A FIVE-YEAR GLANCE**

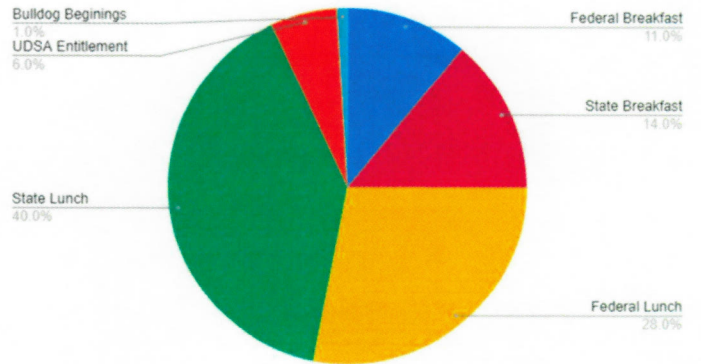
REVENUE FOR FOOD SERVICE					
	19-20 ACTUAL	20-21 ACTUAL	21-22 ACTUAL	22-23 ACTUAL	23-24 ACTUAL
Food Sales	\$349,414	\$47,738	\$75,906	\$469,152	\$161,354
Federal, State & Local Grants	\$1,247,259	\$1,421,136	\$1,801,952	\$657,514	\$1,834,263
Other ( <i>misc. income, lunch interest &amp; banquet</i> )	\$3,992	\$4,976	\$6,476	\$17,411	\$28,737
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,600,665</b>	<b>\$1,473,850</b>	<b>\$1,884,334</b>	<b>\$1,144,077</b>	<b>\$2,024,354</b>
EXPENDITURES FOR FOOD SERVICE					
	19-20 ACTUAL	20-21 ACTUAL	21-22 ACTUAL	22-23 ACTUAL	23-24 ACTUAL
Salaries	\$306,772	\$297,488	\$315,394	\$330,389	\$398,573
Benefits	\$289,503	\$260,201	\$294,000	\$334,652	\$403,667
Food Supplies	\$548,073	\$432,415	\$601,248	\$485,454	\$813,660
Capital Outlay / Supplies	\$33,314	\$160,421	\$164,858	\$343,181	\$66,464
Other	\$45,864	\$30,287	\$40,334	\$46,940	\$35,315
Indirect Cost Reimbursement to General Fund	\$80,000	\$83,000	79,000	\$78,500	\$110,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$1,303,526</b>	<b>\$1,263,812</b>	<b>\$1,494,834</b>	<b>\$1,619,116</b>	<b>\$1,827,679</b>

# WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

Revenues

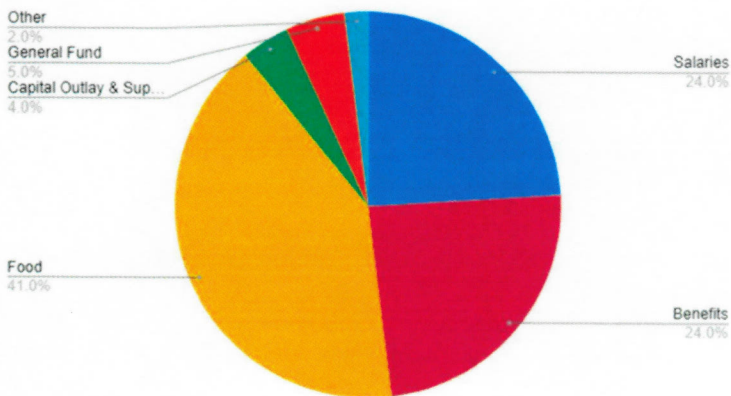


Federal/State/Local Grants

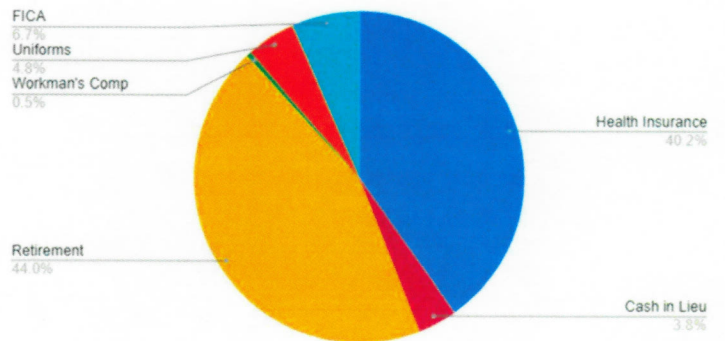


# WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Expenditures



Benefits



## **HEALTHY BULLDOG MEAL QUICK BITES 2023-2024**

- ☞ We served 177,650 school breakfasts – 49% of our students.
- ☞ We served 281,937 school lunches – 78% of our students.
- ☞ In addition, we also served approximately 3,500 breakfasts, lunches and snacks to the Bulldog Beginnings students.
- ☞ 29% of our families qualify for financial assistance.
- ☞ Our lunches reached 1/3 of our students' recommended daily nutritional allowances.
- ☞ Our breakfasts reached 1/4 of our students' recommended daily nutritional allowance.
- ☞ The total hours of professional development between 18 employees (including Director) in 2023-2024 was over 300 hours