CHILD NUTRITION

Here is what has been happening in the Nutrition department this last month. We are nearing completion of the final design for the Minico High School cafeteria revitalization project, and once the design package is ready, I will be presenting it to D.L. Evans Bank as a potential funding partner—an opportunity that aligns well with their history of sponsoring major community facilities, including sports venues. In October alone, our department served 13,774 student breakfasts and 39,132 student lunches, with total food costs of \$66,311 and state reimbursements totaling \$166,218. We are also moving forward with several operational improvements, including integrating the new credit card reader system with Pay Schools so that the cold vending unit in the Ag Building can become fully operational. In addition, we continue to advance multiple grant applications, with the Farm to School grant submission due December 5th. While we recognize that rebuilding and modernizing this department is a significant undertaking, we remain fully committed to our mission of *Fueling Healthy Futures* for the students of Minidoka County School District.

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