

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 9, 2020

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 approximately 430,000 nourishing meals during the 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 2019-2020 school year we experienced an increase in school breakfast participation, particularly at the High School. We also saw increased participation in the school lunch program, at 54% district-wide.

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.

Tightened budgets, due to lower student lunch participation, has directly affected the amount of federal commodities we receive. Federal commodities are based on lunch participation - for every lunch we serve we received \$0.3625 in food commodities. For the 2019-2020 school year we were allotted \$72,562 in food commodities. Our actual usage was \$77,952 - thus we exceeded our VCS allotment. We were able to do this due to membership with the Great Lakes Cooperative - which is the third largest co-op in the nation. 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.

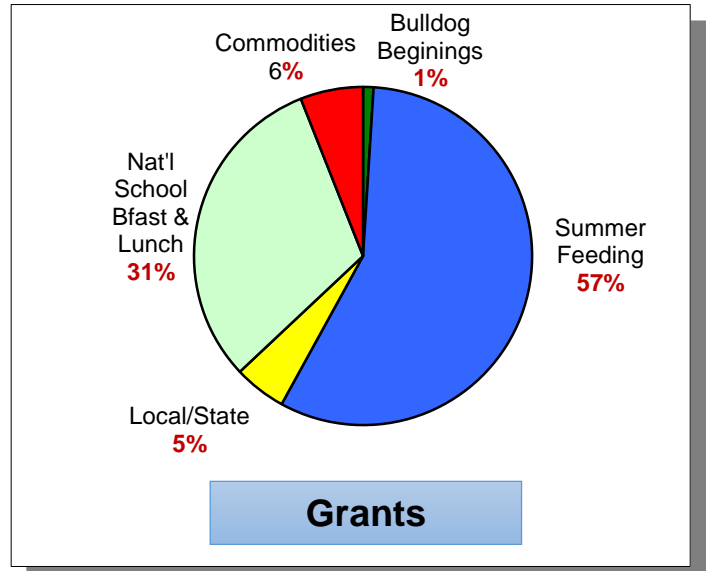
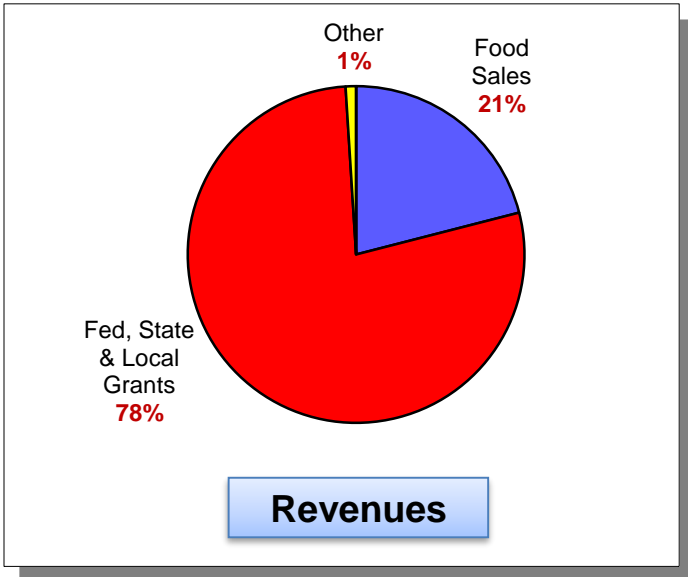
New during the 2019-2020 school year, was feeding our students and community during a pandemic. While they say "It takes a village to raise a child", I would say it takes a village to care for one another during a pandemic. Staff from each and every part of our district stepped up to ensure that every child 18 and under had access to food during the pandemic. Our team is grateful to work alongside these staff members who stepped up during a trying time, we are certainly blessed to be a part of the VCS family.

We remain focused on *feeding* the *healthy minds* of our Vicksburg Community Schools students.

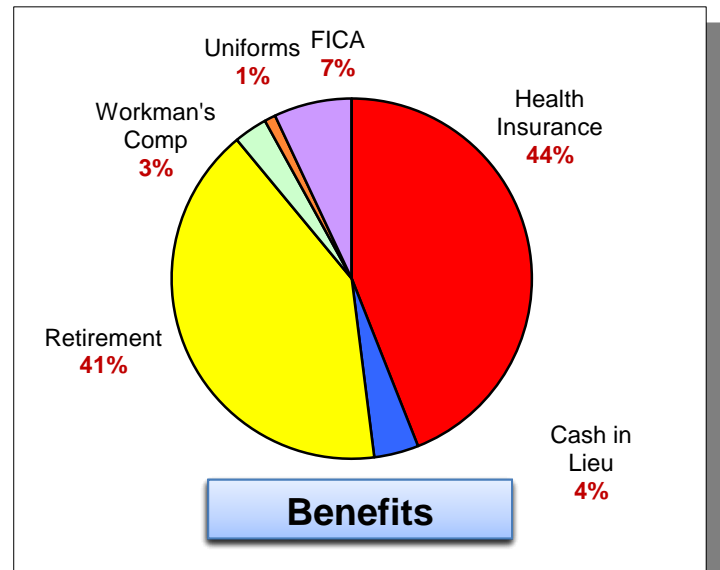
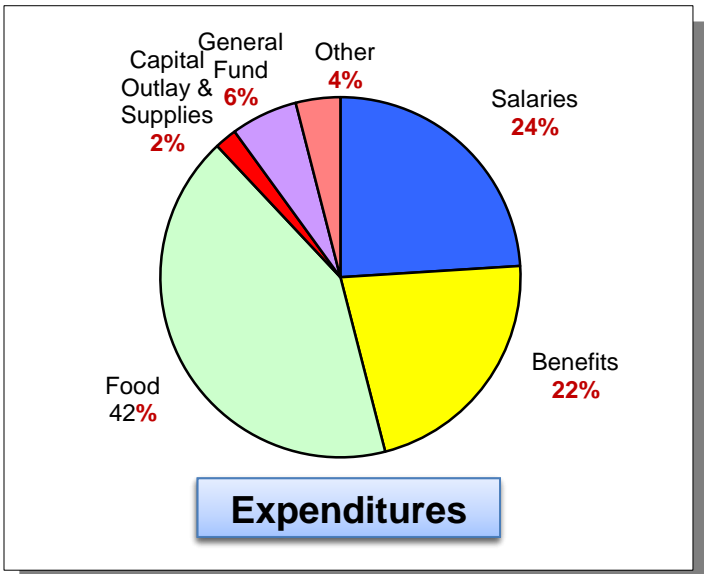
**SCHOOL NUTRITION
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
AT A FIVE-YEAR GLANCE**

REVENUE FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION					
	15-16 ACTUAL	16-17 ACTUAL	17-18 ACTUAL	18-19 ACTUAL	19-20 ACTUAL
Food Sales	\$481,197	\$501,619	\$486,543	\$469,152	\$349,414
Federal, State & Local Grants	\$656,772	\$681,664	\$679,868	\$657,514	\$1,247,259
Other (<i>misc. income, lunch interest & banquet</i>)	\$1,069	\$528	\$2,255	\$17,411	\$3,992
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,139,038	\$1,183,811	\$1,168,666	\$1,144,077	\$1,600,665
EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION					
	15-16 ACTUAL	16-17 ACTUAL	17-18 ACTUAL	18-19 ACTUAL	19-20 ACTUAL
Salaries	\$316,996	\$315,801	\$324,079	\$347,915	\$306,772
Benefits	\$269,118	\$268,723	\$270,603	\$310,719	\$289,503
Food Supplies	\$443,474	\$472,478	\$448,112	\$446,534	\$548,073
Capital Outlay / Supplies	\$28,932	\$61,586	\$29,466	\$25,537	\$33,314
Other	\$22,564	\$18,419	\$17,873	\$14,984	\$45,864
Indirect Cost Reimbursement to General Fund	\$74,000	\$75,000	\$62,120	\$75,000	\$80,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS	\$1,155,084	\$1,212,007	\$1,152,253	\$1,220,689	\$1,303,526

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



VCS School Nutrition Fun Facts 2019-2020

Prior the Unanticipated School Closure on March 13, 2020:

- ☞ We served 67,676 school breakfasts – 26% of our students.
- ☞ We served 145,173 school lunches – 54% of our students.
- ☞ In addition, we also served approximately 4,600 breakfasts, lunches and snacks to the Bulldog Beginnings students.

March 14 through June 30, 2020:

- ☞ We served 217,210 total meals (combined total of breakfast and lunch) – 48% of our students.

Quick Bites

- ☞ 33% of our families qualify for financial assistance.
- ☞ During the peak of the Unanticipated School Closure Feeding, we served 1,249 students breakfast and lunch for a full week. This equals 17,486 meals distributed to VCS families in 1 day.
- ☞ 15 bus routes were used for 15 weeks – total distribution was approximately 65,000 meals.
- ☞ Bus drivers, teachers, para professionals, administrators, secretaries, and school nutrition employees worked together to ensure all kids 18 and under in our community had access to food during the school closure.

