

Child Nutrition Report December 2020

The Child Nutrition staff has been working tirelessly since last March on bagged breakfasts and bagged lunches for students as well as in school child care meals.

During the month of December:

Meals picked up at school sites/bus hubs by students/parents/guardians

- 21,080 bagged breakfasts
- 21,080 bagged lunches

The child care students were served:

- 1,945 hot breakfasts
- 2,859 hot lunches during December

December total meals (hot and bagged): 46,964

The USDA extended the waiver for the Summer Meals Program through June 2021, which allows the Child Nutrition Department to serve meals at no charge to all children under the age of 18.

The deadline for Free & Reduced applications to maximize the impact for Comp Ed revenue was extended to January 4, 2021 due to the pandemic. An additional 84 applications were processed from Dec 15 through Dec 31.

The USDA & MDE Food and Nutrition Service School Nutrition Resource Management Review was completed and submitted. This detailed financial audit/review is part of the comprehensive School Meals Review that was to be conducted during the 20-21 school year. Due to the pandemic, the financial portion of the review was conducted virtually. The on-site review will take place when it is safe for the Federal and State reviewers to be out in the school cafeterias with Child Nutrition staff and students.

New food service equipment was delivered: Warmer/Proofer, rolling racks and carts to be used in meal preparation and service.

Continued training for the Cafeteria Managers on the new Healthy E menu software. The Healthy E menu software is USDA approved for Meal Programs. The program includes a menu planning tool, production record module, and nutrient menu analysis. This program helps ensure that all USDA, MDE meal regulations are met through menu planning and record keeping. Our Cafeteria Managers are excited to utilize this computer program, which makes the daily required documentation of food records, more efficient.

Menu planning, bus hub revision, school site meal pickup, and Child Nutrition staffing are being discussed so that the Child Nutrition Department is prepared for elementary students to return to school on January 25. Contingency plans for a Covid outbreak in a kitchen are also being discussed.