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To: Julie Hinds

Fr: Lynne Rogers

Re: Agenda Item – Annual Renewal of Menu Choice Procedure for 2012 / 2013

"Offer vs. Serve" Meal Option

I am requesting to place on the agenda of the Board for the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the renewal of the menu choice procedure, "Offer vs. Serve", for PreK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade for this upcoming school year for the breakfast and lunch programs. This procedure allows the students to choose three to five menu item components for a complete lunch meal and three of the four components for a complete breakfast meal. Choices are provided with this meal procedure in all food groups to ensure each student will have a balanced meal at breakfast and lunch. The alternative meal procedure requires each student to have all five components on their tray before they are allowed to leave the serving line. This traditional meal service procedure contributes to food waste when a student does not want all five components but is required to have it on the tray. Also, the school district saves money when the food components that a student does not want is not placed onto the tray that will be thrown into the garbage as food waste.

It is my recommendation that we continue the menu choice option procedure of "Offer vs. Serve" for grades PreK through 12<sup>th</sup> for breakfast and lunch meals.

With your support, your placing this item on the agenda of the Board for June 26th will be greatly appreciated.