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To: Board of Education

From: Chris Simpson

Re: June Food Service Board Report

Date: 6/4/2025

I think this has been the fastest school year I have experienced since I have worked in school food service! I can't believe it's already time to sum up the year. We have had a great year in Food Service and I am excited for the summer to gear up for another great year in 2025-26! If you can remember from the fall, we got an equipment assistance grant for a new dish machine at Beach and a new oven and steamer at South Meadows. That equipment is scheduled to be installed the week of June 16th and both of those kitchen teams are so looking forward to have some new equipment in their spaces for the fall. I am also in the process of wrapping up our relationship with our current POS and getting ready to onboard with Meal Magic. Communication will be going out to families this summer about how to get their new accounts all set up and ready for the school year. We also still run the Senior Center and Full Day Preschool all summer, and provide snacks to Camp Gabika. I will be working on getting our menus refreshed and revamped for fall, in addition to placing opening orders and filling some gaps in our staffing. We will also be prioritizing what other equipment needs we have and getting everything ready for the upcoming year. It will be here before we know it!

Staffing:

- Unfortunately for her, but fortunately for us, Dee Fojtik realized that she is actually not able to retire just yet. She will be returning in the fall and will be a great support to Fran Barton who is moving up to be Head Cook at CHS. Dee is now targeting January 2026 for her retirement!
- We have spots to fill in all of our kitchens this summer so please send anyone who may be interested my way!
- With Fran leaving the Head Cook spot at South Meadows to move up to CHS, Rachel Keeler is being promoted to Head Cook at South Meadows! Rachel has been filling in in this role for the last couple of weeks while Fran has been training at CHS. I am excited to see what a great job she does!

Financials:

- The Senior Center ran through May with a sales volume of about \$15,000.

Respectfully,
Chris Simpson, Director of Food Services
Chelsea School District