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Notice to SHAC of Intent to Apply for Waiver to Provide Summer Feeding

Dear Committee Members,

It is the River Road I.S.D. Board of Trustees intent to apply to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Summer Feeding Waiver again this year.

The primary reasons for this decision are:

1. Transportation and Safety are insurmountable obstacles to program operations:
Our district is considered a Hazardous Area District. We have no sidewalks or walkways. Our district is divided by a major highway, as well as, other main roads to cross: River Road, Cherry Ave., Western St., and Broadway. In order for the majority of our students to take advantage of the program, we would have to bus them to the site. We do not have sufficient funds to transport the students daily to the site for Summer Feeding and no funds are provided for transportation by the program.

2. Participation is not enough to cover the cost of providing the program.
We operated Summer Feeding for the district in years: 2013, 2014 and 2015. The program has to run a minimum of 30 days. Even including our Summer School, we only fed approx. 60 students for a week and a half each year. After that, the count dropped to between 10-20 students. In 2013, we barely covered the costs. In 2014 and 2015, we were in the red and the regular School Meal Program had to cover the costs.

Therefore, we feel, we cannot risk the safety of our students or use general funds for buses or School Breakfast and Lunch Program funds to subsidize a Summer Feeding Program for less than 5% of our student population.

Sincerely,

Glenn Perky
President
River Road I.S.D. Board of Trustees

