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To: Board of Education

From: Chris Simpson

Re: October Food Service Board Report

Date: 10/16/2025

Hello Chelsea Board of Education! Happy October! I cannot believe how quickly this school year has started. I know it was talked about at the last meeting, but I have to acknowledge the fact that the Michigan School Meals program was included in the 25-26 State Aid budget! We are thrilled to be able to continue to offer free breakfasts and lunches to all students! I want to thank Mike, Marcus, and Nicole for all of their support as we navigated the uncertainty of the weeks leading up to 9/30. We met several times to make sure we had a plan in place that we were comfortable with and some of these conversations were hard! I am so grateful for the support they offered.

This week, 10/13-10/17 is National School Lunch Week and the theme this year is "Taste the World." This tied in perfectly with our Chartwells Global Eats program! Tuesday-Friday featured worldly recipes district-wide! Tuesday, we visited Mexico with four-cheese enchiladas and elote-style corn. Wednesday was inspired by China with chicken/vegetable dumplings in orange sauce and garlic soy green beans! On Thursday, we took a trip to Italy and featured chicken alfredo with rotini and roasted garlic. Thursday, 10/16, was also Apple Crunch day across the state of MI so we featured apple crisp on our menus using Michigan apples! On Friday, the elementary schools returned to their classic Pizza Friday, but BMS and CHS continued to explore, venturing to the Caribbean and featuring Jamaican jerk chicken thighs, Cuban-style black beans, and cilantro-lime rice! It's been a lot of fun to try so many different recipes all in the same week!

Staffing:

- Our new hires have been fitting in perfectly with our teams! I am excited to watch them continue to thrive.

Financials:

- The Senior Center ran through September with a sales volume of about \$14,000.
- We received some unfortunate news this past week that the 10-cent a meal program was not included in the 25-26 state budget, so we will not be receiving any grant funds from that program this year.
- Participation remains steady at around 60% throughout the district for our breakfast and lunch programs!

Respectfully,

Chris Simpson, Director of Food Services
Chelsea School District