

# VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## **School Nutrition Program** **Annual Report**

Sarah Dyer, Director



### Our Mission

To share the vision of healthy children  
so that every student is able to reach  
his/her full potential with the ability to  
make healthy choices at an  
economical cost.

*Feeding Healthy Minds*

TO: KEEVIN O'NEILL & THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FROM: SARAH DYER  
DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 2019

The assistance that Vicksburg Community Schools' School Nutrition Program is able to provide to our students is both fundamental and indispensable. While finances can be a bit of a balancing act for many households, the school meals program continued to be vital as we served approximately 300,000 nourishing meals during the year! Promoting a healthy eating lifestyle, school meals continue to be fresh, economical, and value packed!

Federal regulations have an impact on our program each year. The positive outcome is that our students are consuming more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and other healthy options. During the 2018-2019 school year we experienced an increase in school breakfast participation, particularly at the elementary level. The school lunch program held steady at 53% district-wide.

The Great Start Readiness Programs (Bulldog Beginnings) along with Tobey's Head Start program have had a direct positive effect at all three elementary schools. These programs gave us the opportunity to provide breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack to an additional 63 students. These students have been determined to be "at-risk" and therefore qualify most often for free or reduced school meals. The Bulldog Beginnings program did make a change to their weekly schedule during the 2018-2019 school year by reducing their schedule to only a four (4) day week. This caused a decrease in grant monies. Beginning in 2019-2020 VCS will no longer host a Head Start class and this will also directly affect our grant monies.

Tightened budgets, due to lower student lunch participation, has directly affected the amount of federal commodities we receive. Federal commodities are based on lunch participation - for every lunch we serve we received \$0.2375 in food commodities. For the 2018-2019 school year we were allotted \$71,169 in food commodities. Our actual usage was \$73,385 - thus we exceeded our VCS allotment. We were able to do this due to membership with the Great Lakes Cooperative - which is the third largest co-op in the nation. Being a member of a co-op we purchase commodities as a group and thereby receive many benefits including, large quantity discounts, greater food variety, and valuable rebates.

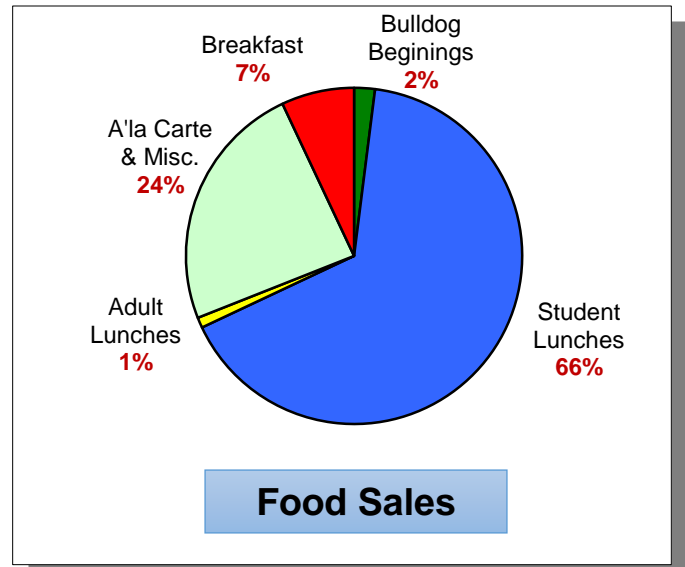
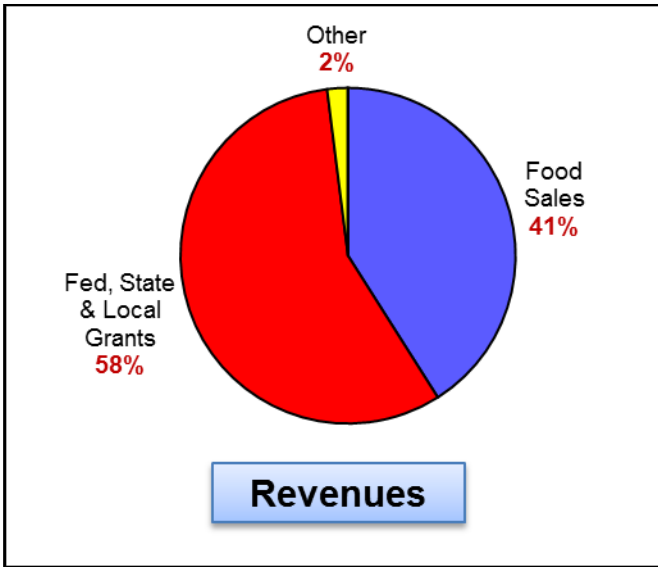
New during the 2018-2019 school year, was the whole grain waiver. VCS was able to secure a waiver thereby allowing students to consume a wider variety of foods that are more appealing to their young pallets.

We remain focused on *feeding* the *healthy minds* of our Vicksburg Community Schools students.

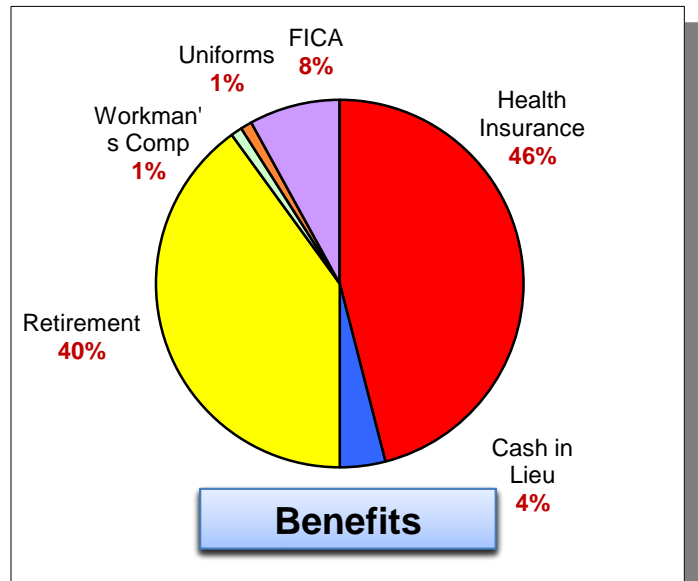
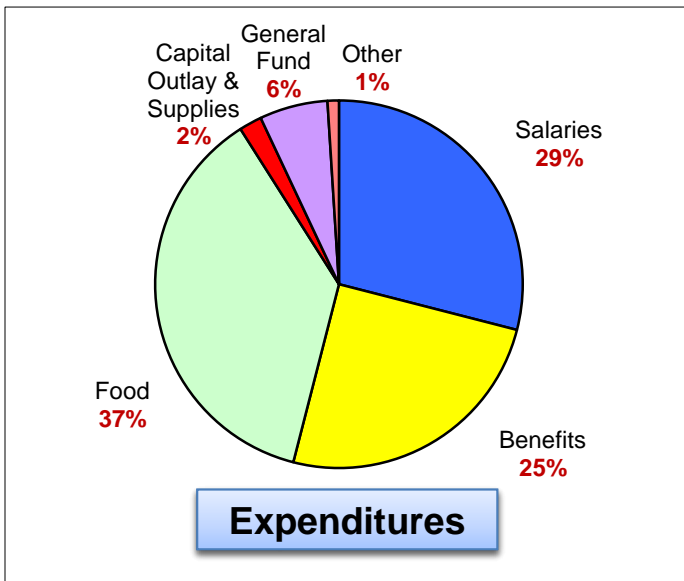
**FOOD SERVICE  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES  
AT A FIVE-YEAR GLANCE**

<b>REVENUE FOR FOOD SERVICE</b>					
	<b>14-15 ACTUAL</b>	<b>15-16 ACTUAL</b>	<b>16-17 ACTUAL</b>	<b>17-18 ACTUAL</b>	<b>18-19 ACTUAL</b>
Food Sales	\$507,921	\$481,197	\$501,619	\$486,543	\$469,152
Federal, State & Local Grants	\$616,988	\$656,772	\$681,664	\$679,868	\$657,514
Other ( <i>misc. income, lunch interest &amp; banquet</i> )	\$2,171	\$1,069	\$528	\$2,255	\$17,411
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,127,080</b>	<b>\$1,139,038</b>	<b>\$1,183,811</b>	<b>\$1,168,666</b>	<b>\$1,144,077</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES FOR FOOD SERVICE</b>					
	<b>14-15 ACTUAL</b>	<b>15-16 ACTUAL</b>	<b>16-17 ACTUAL</b>	<b>17-18 ACTUAL</b>	<b>18-19 ACTUAL</b>
Salaries	\$303,500	\$316,996	\$315,801	\$324,079	\$347,915
Benefits	\$248,502	\$269,118	\$268,723	\$270,603	\$310,719
Food Supplies	\$414,222	\$443,474	\$472,478	\$448,112	\$446,534
Capital Outlay / Supplies	\$42,531	\$28,932	\$61,586	\$29,466	\$25,537
Other	\$14,725	\$22,564	\$18,419	\$17,873	\$14,984
Indirect Cost Reimbursement to General Fund	\$73,000	\$74,000	\$75,000	\$62,120	\$75,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$1,096,480</b>	<b>\$1,155,084</b>	<b>\$1,212,007</b>	<b>\$1,152,253</b>	<b>\$1,220,689</b>

# WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



# WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



## **HEALTHY BULLDOG MEAL QUICK BITES 2018-2019**

- ✓ We served 83,302 school breakfasts – 24% of our students.
- ✓ We served 200,178 school lunches – 53% of our students.
- ✓ In addition, we also served approximately 9,000 breakfasts, lunches and snacks to the Bulldog Beginnings and Head Start students.
- ✓ 35% of our families qualify for financial assistance.
- ✓ Our lunches reached 1/3 of our students' recommended daily nutritional allowances.
- ✓ Our breakfasts reached 1/4 of our students' recommended daily nutritional allowance.
- ✓ The total hours of professional development between 16 employees (including Director) in 2018-2019 was over 300 hours.