



# CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

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**To:** Board of Education  
**From:** Chris Simpson  
**Re:** February Food Service Board Report  
**Date:** 2/5/2025



We are continuing to have a great year in the Food Service department! We are coming to the end of our Global Eats adventures next month. For February, we are featuring recipes from the Caribbean on 2/18, and again, we are doing this district wide! CHS and BMS will have a full menu offered on the Create station while the elementary schools and Pierce Lake will enjoy a curated side choice alongside a usual lunch option. March brings us back to Korea as we will wrap up the program! March also features National School Breakfast Week which is March 3rd - 7th. We will be featuring our Green Eggs and Ham breakfast at North and South that week to also coincide with March is Reading Month! I am also working on some fun giveaway incentives to try and increase our breakfast participation that week! Finally, for the last 6 weeks, we have had a Dietetic Intern, Lauren Katakowski, with our program from Illinois State University (she is local to the area and doing their distance program). Recently at CHS, she conducted a survey to see what kinds of options the students wanted to see more of and Italian cuisine was the clear winner. On February 4th, we featured a menu that Lauren designed including Baked Ziti, Roasted Eggplant, Garlic Breadsticks, and a sampling of Vegetable Lasagna. It was a great success! Her last day is today, February 5th, and we will be sad to see her go but wish her the best of luck!

### Staffing:

- Staffing continues to remain more fluid than I would like. One of the two new hires we just brought on just let me know that they won't be able to continue and I had another staff member put their two-weeks in this week as well. We are interviewing for the floater position and will post another assistant cook posting.

### Financials:

- The Senior Center ran through January with a sales volume of about \$15,000.
- At this point in the year, we have served approximately 5500 more breakfasts and 6800 more lunches than this time last year! It's so encouraging to see our counts continue to grow!

Respectfully,  
Chris Simpson, Director of Food Services  
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