



To: Board of Education
From: Chris Simpson
Re: January Food Service Board Report
Date: 1/21/2026



Happy New Year and Happy Board of Education Appreciation Month! Thank you all for your continued support of the district and us in Food Service! It's been a while since my last update and we have been busy in the kitchens across the district! We have been continuing to run the Chili Days, Warm Bellies promotion through December and January which has been fun getting to try some new recipes in all buildings! This promotion wraps up at the end of January and we are getting ready to launch the next one beginning on February 2nd! Next up is Bloom into Breakfast and we will be featuring new options at least once per week at breakfast and twice per month for lunch! Some new recipes coming up include overnight oats, smoothies, and breakfast pizza! This set of promotions will run through April!

Looking back at December, we had another busy time preparing our yearly holiday meal, which saw our high school staff slicing over 600 slices of ham! My team enjoyed a much needed rest over Winter Break! Alongside the new Chili Days recipes, our Global Eats country for January was China! We featured chicken and vegetable dumplings in orange sauce at the elementary level and a sweet and sour chicken stir-fry with bok choy and fresh mushrooms at the secondary level! January 5th was Spaghetti Day and we featured Spaghetti and Meatballs at the elementary level and Chicken Spaghetti at the secondary level! January 20th was Cheese Lover's Day which we celebrated with Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup at the elementary schools and Mac & Cheese at the secondary level! It's been a great start to the new year and we are looking forward to what the rest of the year brings!



Staffing:

- We hired James Pearson, who retired last year after many years of service with Operations as a custodian, to fill our assistant cook/driver position. He started on January 6th and is quickly learning all of the intricacies of delivering breakfast, lunch, and snack to our littlest Bulldogs at PLECC! After he is well-acclimated, we will begin delivering meals to the Young Adult Program as well!
- Marcus Kaemming and I are in the midst of important and exciting conversations regarding staffing levels for Food Service and are looking at some possibilities for revenue expansion! More to come!



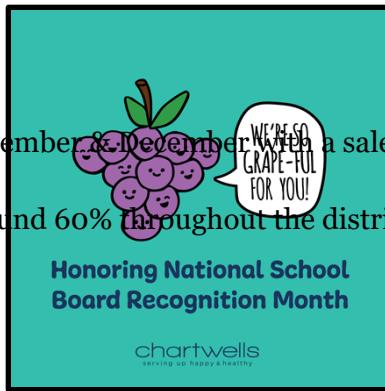
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Financials:

- The Senior Center ran through November & December with a sales volume of about \$29,000.
- Participation remains steady at around 60% throughout the district for our breakfast and lunch programs!

Respectfully,
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