

## Annual Food Service Report

June 22, 2015

### 2014-2015 School Year Highlights:

- The Food Service Department, along with in building support, implemented the new *Smart Snack* regulations mandated by USDA for the 2014-15 school year. The regulations required a-la-carte, vending machines and school fundraisers to meet specific nutritional standards.
- Annual Student Meals Served:
  - Lunch Total = 501,764
    - Free = 285,843
    - Reduced = 44,820
    - Paid = 171,101
  - Breakfast Total = 221,560
    - Free = 151,657
    - Reduced = 19,661
    - Paid = 50,242
  - Afterschool Snacks Total = 25,852
  - Supper Total = 10,047
- Breakfast & Lunch Participation Rates
  - Lunch = 75%; Up 1% from 13-14 SY
  - Breakfast = 46%; Up 14% from 13-14 SY
- 66% of Lunches served were to free or reduced price students.
- 77% of Breakfasts served were to free or reduced price students.
- 58% of our student population qualifies for free or reduced price benefits.
- The food service department will continue to offer breakfast in the classroom at Hurricane Deck Elementary and Osage Beach Elementary no cost to the students. We will also begin implementation at Dogwood Elementary at the start of the 15-16 SY.
- 22 food service employees maintained their level 1 certification through the National School Nutrition Association. Two food service employees achieved level 2 certification. The Food Service Department continues to provide a stipend for those receiving and maintaining certification.
- Each site had 2 Health Inspections. Those sites feeding summer school had 3 inspections. All inspections had positive remarks. Any sited items have been addressed and corrected.
- The department continues to use social media to promote our meal programs. A Facebook page (Camdenton Schools Food & Nutrition) was created to share with the community the great things we are doing in food service.
- Camden Co. University Extension along with the Project PASS planted student gardens at Oak Ridge and Hurricane Deck. Vegetables from the gardens were use in our meals programs. The

PASS students enjoyed seeing the produce they had grown offered to all the students and staff on the serving line. It was a great Nutrition Education opportunity! Extension plans to start gardens at Hawthorn.

- The Food Service Department offered the supper program to students participating in Project Pass. All kitchens were open for service afterschool except for Middle School. Those students walked over to Dogwood to receive their meal. A program review was conducted by the Dept. of Health and Senior Services. No violations were found. We will continue to work with Project PASS and explore options to expand this program to the students at LCTC. We will also look to open it to any student in any afterschool program.
- Oak Ridge Intermediate and Dogwood Elementary each received a \$200.00 stipend from the Department of Health and Senior Services for implementing a Rainbow Day Event. The event encouraged colorful eating by having students select at least three different colors of fruits and vegetables from the salad bar. This was a very successful and fun event! We plan to offer it again next school in in all buildings.

### **Recommendation**

Recommend increasing meal prices 5 cents (\$1.95) on paid elementary student lunches to comply with The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 Paid Lunch Equity requirements. Schools are required to charge students for paid meals at a price that is on average equal to the difference between free meal reimbursement and paid meal reimbursement; Schools that currently charge less are required to gradually increase their prices over time until they meet the requirement.

### **Approval**

Board approval is needed for the Free and Reduced Price Guidelines (Policy Attachment A) for the 2015-2016 SY.