

Good Afternoon, for the record my name is Donnell Barton and I am the Director for the Office of Child Nutrition and School Health with the Nevada Department of Education. I was asked to give an overview of the May 28, 2009 letter sent to district superintendents from Assemblywoman Debbie Smith and Senator Valerie Wiener. The letter requested four policy changes and a performance measure for school districts:

- Increase Participation in school breakfast
- Eliminate reduced-price meal category
- Use Provision II wherever practical
- Partner with community-based organization for the Summer Food Service Program
- Performance measure:
 - Compare the last five years the number of free/reduced children participating, and the actual number of free/reduced children qualified to access meals compared to the total student enrollment by school
 - Number of dollars left in Washington DC because all qualified students were not participating by school
 - Actual dollars sent to Nevada to provide school meals compared to the dollars left in Washington DC
 - List of the schools in which after-the-bell breakfast programs have been implemented compared to the previous year
 - Brief description of the school district's activities in previous years leading to an increase (or decrease) in school breakfast participation and a brief explanation of what the district feels may be preventing them from achieving a participation rate in the top 50% of the nation; and
 - A report on the Summer Food Service Program which illustrates that the district has proactively sought out and implemented a partnership solution that will welcome eligible neighborhood children and will be effective to nourish free/reduced children in the summer and during off-track breaks. These measures should track the number of children served versus those eligible by district and include a brief description about what efforts resulted in success and what obstacles have hindered success.

The Office of Child Nutrition and School Health has designed two Excel Spreadsheets to assist districts in evaluating the cost effectiveness of eliminating reduced price meal category and use of Provision II. The Spreadsheets were presented to Food Service Directors on October 5, 2009 at the Fall Food Service Director's Meeting. Only one district, Douglas has reported utilizing the spreadsheets and has decided that neither the elimination of reduced price meals or Provision II would be cost beneficial for the district. In both instances the profit margin was low. Additional, Douglas County School District does not have a school where students qualify for free and reduced lunches that is greater than 50%.

Carson City, Clark, Nye and Washoe County School Districts supplied the following information for increasing participation:

<p>EXHIBIT X - HEALTH CARE Meeting Date: 11-04-09 Document consists of 2 pages. Entire Exhibit provided.</p>

Carson City School District is considering sending brochures to parents regarding the breakfast and lunch program. Has two schools participating in the FFVP.

Clark County School District has two pilot programs to increase participation 8 schools have been chosen to have a food court with three types of service; a combo meal (choice of 2 entrees and four sides); made to order items change daily includes Stuffed Spuds, Deli Sandwiches, salads, burgers; Grab n Go, 10 menu choices including sandwiches and salads. Due to the success of the program five more schools will be added at the end of November and hope to eventually remodel all high schools and middle schools into Food Court Schools.

Five High Schools have been chosen to pilot Grab n Go Breakfast. Tables are placed near the student parking lot and students grab a bag that contains homemade cinnamon roll, juice and milk. If acceptance is good program will be expanded.

Breakfast Contest at elementary school to encourage breakfast participation. Every student who eats breakfast 10 times during the contest period will be entered in a drawing for a skateboard and helmet. Each elementary school will award a skateboard and helmet. In addition 20 bicycles and helmets will be given away to those who qualify but did not win the skateboard and helmet.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant at six elementary schools.

CCSD provided meals for all of the Title One Summer Programs, Early Childhood Programs and Extended School Year Programs.

Nye County School District is piloting Breakfast in the Classroom at Silver Tim Elementary School in Tonopah and if successful will expand to other schools. Beginning December 1, 2009 all of Nye County schools will offer free or paid breakfast. They will no longer charge 30 cents for the reduced price breakfast. Parents will be notified. The district is reviewing free and reduced data at four schools to determine feasibility to implement Provision II at Armargosa, Beatty, and Manse schools.

Nye County has five schools participating in the FFFVP.

Washoe County School District

- Eliminated the charge for reduced price students and that has increased participation in the program
- Schools close to 90% free and reduced population is considered for Provision II status Lois Allen in it is base year. WCSD Board of Trustees passed a policy a couple years ago that required all Provision II school serve Breakfast in the Classroom. Nutrition Services has made the effort to ask all schools with at least 30% free and reduced population that do not serve breakfast to allow breakfast to be a pilot program in the school cafeteria.

- Started Breakfast in the Classroom at Lincoln Park ES has 9 schools doing Breakfast in the Classroom after the bell (Anderson, Booth, Cannan, Corbett, Duncan, Loder, Mariposa, Mitchell, Smithridge)
- Began traditional Breakfast at Deidrichsen this year, plans to start breakfast programs at Melton and Silver Lake
- WCSD received \$476,000 in FFVP grant money for 14 schools this year
- WCSD has individualized marketing programs for each school level. Elementary schools offer four entrée choices each day with Kid's Way Café Program. Middle schools offer a variety of choices through the Energy Download Zone program; and the Signature Café gives high school students endless variety through a number of exciting food stations.
- WCSD Nutrition Services partners with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Reno & Sparks Parks & Recreation to provide Summer Food Service Program at schools, parks, and community centers throughout Washoe County. During the summer of 2009 we served at 11 school sites and trucks served at an additional 16 sites throughout the community. The Parks & recreation Department served at 8 sites and WCSD has 24 year round schools.

Summer Food Service Program

Year Round Sites North – 3 South – 7

Summer Only Sites North – 49 South – 23

FFY2009 Meals- 466,137 Breakfast, lunch and snack

Funds – 1,315,009.20