

BOARD MEMO

Date: October 19, 2023

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

FROM: Dr. Eric Coleman, Director of School Nutrition Services

THROUGH: Dr. Alicia Hart, PMP, Chief Operating Officer
Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Dr. Michelle Rief, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: School Nutrition Services Programming Update

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support

Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

FY 2024 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Planning for Future Projects

Communications Support

SUMMARY:

The School Nutrition Services (SNS) team for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) is represented by over 115 well-trained professionals. SNS provides high-quality, nutritionally balanced and affordable meals to more than 15,800 students daily across the division. Our meal programs and service models include, but are not limited to, breakfast and lunch programs at all school locations, after school snack and dinner programs, non-pricing Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in select schools, Free and Reduced Meal (FARM) benefits, and a variety of additional programs that encourage student choice, creates opportunities for nutritional exposure, and assisting in student academic performance and achievement in the classroom.

BACKGROUND:

In alignment with Federal, State and School Board Health and Wellness policies, it is the responsibility of SNS to cultivate the nutritional well-being of all ACPS students. Our daily focus is to remove barriers to food accessibility, encourage student engagement within various meal programs, increase nutritional literacy, and bring awareness to the benefits of healthy food choices.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information provided in this board packet.

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IMPACT:

The SNS program ensures that all ACPS students have the opportunity to receive well balanced, appealing, and nutritious meals before, during and after the school day.

ATTACHMENTS:

PowerPoint presentation

REFERENCES:

N/A

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