

NUTRITION SERVICES
FALL UPDATE

LITTLETON
PUBLIC 
SCHOOLS

Financial Advisory Committee
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Challenges for SY 21-22

- Procurement
- Staffing & Vacancies
- Funding Changes
- School district funding & F/R information



Changes in Funding

“Normal” funding:

- Reimbursement from USDA for free/reduced/paid students under National School Lunch Program
 - \$3.37/\$2.97/\$0.37 per lunch
 - \$1.79/\$1.49/\$0.31 per breakfast
- State co-pay legislation for reduced price meals
 - \$0.30 B/\$0.40 L
- Paid student meals
 - \$2.95 - \$3.25 based on grade
- A la carte sales

Emergency funding:

SY 2020-2021

- Summer Food Service (SFSP) reimbursement rates (under this program all students eat for free)
 - \$2.375 B/ \$4.1525 L
 - \$2.4625 B/ \$4.3175 L (Jan 2021)

SY 2021-2022

- Operating under NSLP/SSO with waiver to receive SFSP reimbursement rates
 - \$2.4625 B/ \$4.3175 L

October Count & Title Funding

Statewide - decreases in Direct Certification matching and a challenge to get applications submitted

LPS - reduction in FRL by 6%

P-EBT: Pandemic - Electronic Benefit Transfer

Interim Finance Committee looking into





On the Horizon

- Universal free meals - ends June 30, 2022
- Moving away from “universal free” to “meals at no-cost” - focusing on using CEP as catalyst to provide more students free meals
- Build Back Better - ~~\$35B~~ \$10B for child nutrition provisions
 - P-EBT benefits to continue
 - Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) changes
 - Change Identified Student Percentage (ISP) from 40% to 25% and increased the multiplier from 1.6% to 2.5%
 - \$500 M for equipment grants
 - \$634 M for Healthy School Meal Incentives demonstration project
- **Advocacy for higher reimbursement rates**
- Colorado challenges
 - District At Risk funding
 - Medicaid included in direct certification

Questions



Understanding CEP - What is it

- Enables high-eligibility schools to provide breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost to them
- Often heralded as the antidote to “school lunch shaming”
- Students have equitable access to all meals – reduced stigma
- School nutrition fund *can* benefit tremendously
- Decreased administrative burden – no school meals applications!

- CEP is a 4-year cycle

- Schools, or groups of schools, must have an “Identified Student Percentage” (ISP) of 40% to operate CEP



Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

Identified students are categorically-eligible for free school meals and identified through **direct certification**.

Students are identified by their participation (or a household member's participation) in the following programs:

- **SNAP**: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- **TANF**: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- **FDPIR**: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- **Medicaid**

Children who are...

- **in foster care,**
- **homeless,**
- **in Head Start/Early Head Start, and/or**
- **migrants**

should also be included in an ISP. However, their eligibility does not extend to siblings or other household members.

ISP =

$$\frac{\text{\# of "identified" students}}{\text{total student enrollment}} \times 100$$

CEP Reimbursement Pattern

Two categories of reimbursement: Free & Paid

Free reimbursement rate = ISP x 1.6

Paid reimbursement rate = 100% – (ISP x 1.6)

ISP	x 1.6 Multiplier	% of Meals Reimbursed at "Free" rate	% of Meals Reimbursed at "Paid" Rate
40%	x1.6	64%	36%
45%	x1.6	72%	28%
50%	x1.6	80%	20%
55%	x1.6	88%	12%
60%	x1.6	96%	4%
65%	x1.6	100%	0%



Example Grouping Scenario

	Identified Students	Enrollment	ISP	% of meals claimed at federal free rate	% of meals claimed at federal paid rate
School A	60	120	50%	92.8%	7.2%
School B	35	100	35%	92.8%	7.2%
School C	150	200	75%	92.8%	7.2%
GROUP OF SCHOOLS A, B, and C	245	420	58%	92.8%	7.2%
School D (adopting CEP but claiming on its own)	630	1000	63%	100%	0%
School E (not adopting CEP)	200	600	33%	N/A	N/A



Know where your district lands

ISP for our highest needs schools

F/R % (18-19)

F/R% (21-22)

● Field - 31%	72.54%
55.44%	
● East - 24%	63.83%
41.87%	
● Village - 20%	40.23%
34.44%	
● Centennial - 18%	41.5%
28.69%	
● Moody - 15%	25.42%
21.5%	