

Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



Agenda Item: I

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Title	School Nutrition Programs: State of the Plate		
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Purpose of Presentation:

For information only. No action required.

Previous Review or Action:

No previous review or action.

Action Requested:

No action requested.

Alignment with Board of Education Goals: Please indicate (X) all that apply:

	Goal 1: Accountability for Student Learning
	Goal 2: Rigorous Standards to Promote College and Career Readiness
	Goal 3: Expanded Opportunities to Learn
	Goal 4: Nurturing Young Learners
	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Educators
X	Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success
	Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools
	Other Priority or Initiative. Specify:

Background Information and Statutory Authority:

School nutrition programs staff in the Department of Education periodically update the Board of Education on the status and progress of the various state and federal school nutrition programs that operate in Virginia schools. A presentation is provided to the Board this month overviews recent developments in school nutrition programs, including new programs and grants that are being implemented in Virginia by the department.

Summary of Important Issues:

The Office of School Nutrition Programs (SNP) continues to increase its program offerings, services, and support to school divisions. In 2017, the SNP office has been awarded USDA training grants for Farm to School programs and Team Nutrition to provide professional development to local school nutrition program staff. Additional grant funding has been awarded to provide a summer electronic benefits transfer (EBT) component to school divisions participating in the VA 365 demonstration project to enhance the availability of healthy food for students during the summer months.

As required by the General Assembly, the Summer Foodservice Program and the At Risk portion of the Child and Adult Care Feeding Program (CACFP) are transferring this year from the Department of Health to the Department of Education. Ensuring that students have access to good, healthy food at school in support of academic achievement is demonstrated by increased identification of students qualifying for school meals and increased implementation of alternative breakfast models. This has resulted in a substantial increase in school meals served in Virginia the last several years.

Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:

None.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

None.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education receive this report.



School Nutrition Programs

State of the Plate

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Overview

- Meet the SNP team
- Recent grants and other funding
- Accomplishments
- Planning for the future

Meet the SNP Team



Recent Grants Awarded to VDOE



VA 365 (2016)

\$8,803,903

900,579 super snacks

>200,000 backpacks

150 nutrition education events

Purpose: Ensure students have
access to healthy meals 365
days/year



SUMMER EBT (2017)

\$935,000

4,959 families

\$760,000 redeemed

Purpose: Provide SNAP
benefits via debit card
technology

Recent Grants Awarded to VDOE



TEAM NUTRITION TRAINING (2017)

\$498,000
2017-2020

Purpose: Development of healthy school environments through training and mentoring



FARM TO SCHOOL (2017)

\$99,825
2017-2019

Purpose: Develop regional networks to increase use of locally procured foods in schools

Recent Grants Awarded through VDOE



FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM

\$3,989,688

\$60-\$65/student

128 schools

Purpose: Increase student exposure to and consumption of fruits and vegetables



EQUIPMENT GRANTS

\$478,278

\$5,000+ sub-grants

41 schools

Purpose: Assist schools in preparing and providing healthier meals

State Funding



BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL

\$1.1 million
\$0.05/meal reimbursement
244 schools (52 divisions)
+ 3,159,846 meals served



BREAKFAST INCENTIVE

\$0.22/meal reimbursement
above baseline

Purpose: Increase participation in school breakfast programs and decrease childhood hunger

Outcomes: Breakfast Participation

2015-2016 to 2016-2017:

- + 7.6% breakfast meals served
- + 220 schools offering alternative breakfast
- 2x state funding earned
- + 8.6% federal funds earned

Other Accomplishments

Medicaid DC Demonstration Project

- Increase in directly certified free/reduced students
- Eliminated further application to qualify

Community Eligibility Provision

- All students schoolwide provided meals at no cost without application
- Increase in CEP schools: 255 to 341 (2016-17 to 2017-18)
- Increase in CEP SFAs: 38 to 50 (2016-17 to 2017-18)
- 16 division-wide participants
- 37,615 additional students served



01. Team Nutrition Training Grant

- \$498,000 (2017-2020)
- Job-specific training
- Peer-to-peer learning
- Strategic plans with behavior based strategies
- Ongoing data collection



02. Farm to School Grant

- \$99,825 (2017-2019)
- Identifying stakeholders
- Building relationships
- Gathering feedback
- Increasing access to healthy local foods
- Implement procurement best practices



03. Summer Meals & CACFP

- Transfer from VDH to VDOE
- 12 SSO divisions
- 89 SFA / 62 non-school SFSP sponsors
- 35 SFA / 34 non-school CACFP sponsors
- Goals: Streamlining administration, implementing in SNPWeb, and enhancing participation



QUESTIONS?

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