

This is a decision paper

TO: HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: TERESA MORGAN, SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: MAY 17, 2018

SUBJECT: SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

ISSUE: This is a request for the board to approve continuation of the summer child nutrition program.

FACTS: Federal law requires that the local sponsoring agency (Hardin County BOE) formally approve the summer child nutrition program on an annual basis.

When schools are closed for the summer months, many children stop receiving nutritious meals. The SFSP was established to ensure that children in needy areas (over 50% of children approved for free and reduced meals) could continue to receive nutritious meals during school vacations that are comparable to those served under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs during the school year. Free meals are provided to all children at approved sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children. While the site must qualify by the standard above, ANY child age 18 and under may receive meals at no cost through this program.

Sponsors receive Federal reimbursement from the administering agency to cover their administrative and operating costs of preparing and serving free meals meeting SFSP meal patterns to eligible children at one or more food service sites.

We are recommending the following preparation/service sites for summer 2018:

Summer Feeding Program: June 5-July 27, 2018. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the following sites: North Hardin High, College View Campus, Radcliff Elementary, and a mobile bus route throughout county.

Adult lunch costs will be \$3.00

We feel the program meets a need in the community. It costs the board nothing, since we're totally reimbursed for expenses by the federal government. We're providing a real service for many children who, otherwise, would not be eating. We're also providing jobs for some child nutrition employees.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend we offer summer meals at sites listed above to meet demands in the Hardin County community during summer 2018.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that we have summer feeding sites at North Hardin, College View Campus, Radcliff Elementary, and bus route during the summer of 2018. Other schools may be added as demand warrants.