

Issue Paper

DATE:

05/23/2023

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve reimbursement from ESSER II and District Activity funds to the Student Nutrition Department for meals served to YSA students at NKU for the 2021-22 school year and to cover an adult meal cost adjustment for the 2022-23 school year.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.11 - General Powers and Duties of the Board: School Funds and Property

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

During a standard review of the Student Nutrition department's operations by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) in April 2023, two findings were made with a financial impact to the district. The first finding was related to the COVID emergency spanning the 2021-22 school year. During this time, Student Nutrition received waiver approvals from the Federal Government and KDE for all students at KCSD schools to receive breakfast and lunch at no charge. To ensure all District students attending the Young Scholars Academy (YSA) program at NKU were also receiving meals at no charge, Student Nutrition paid NKU for all meals served to KCSD students. KDE determined the expenditure to be an unallowable expense, and have directed the District to reimburse Student Nutrition for the amount paid to NKU for student meals in 2021-22, totaling \$125,932.50. The second finding determined adult meal prices did not meet the minimum required price for the 2022-23 school year. Inflationary price adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index caused adult meal prices to increase after 2022-23 meal prices were already set. The cost to correct the adult meal price shortage is \$791.87 and will be covered by District Activity Funds. Payment of these findings will resolve and close the KDE administrative review.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$125,932.50 from ESSER II funds and \$791.87 from District Activity funds transferred to the Student Nutrition department.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to reimburse from ESSER II and District Activity funds to the Student Nutrition Department for meals served to YSA students at NKU for the 2021-22 school year and to cover an adult meal cost adjustment for the 2022-23 school year.

CONTACT PERSON:

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Principal/Administrator

District Administrator

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