



# Brookings School District

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Laura Swier, Director of Child Nutrition

RE: Administrative Report

DATE: September 13, 2021

Highlights from the Child Nutrition Department

**1. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**

- a. Camelot, Hillcrest, Medary, and Dakota Prairie have all been selected to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) for the 2021-22 school year. Each week one fruit and one vegetable is offered to all students in each participating school. This is a federally funded program and has no direct cost to the students.
- b. This offering is scheduled to start on Tuesday, September 14 and will continue until the assigned funds are exhausted for each site.

**2. Staffing**

- a. At this time there is only one have full time position remaining to be filled within our department, specifically at Mickelson Middle School.
- b. A big thank you to our dedicated Child Nutrition staff for a wonderful start to this school year with providing free meals to our students!

**3. Product Availability**

- a. There are national trends of having issues with product availability. Our district has experienced some shortages and likely may get worse as we get further into this school year. We will try to be as prepared as possible, in addition to being creative with our menu offerings! Menu changes may occur if needed, but we strive to keep last minute changes to a minimum. Product shortages are trending from various different areas such as manufacturing, to transportation, and everything in between.
- b. We continue to have good communication and a good working relationship with each of our vendors which makes our process of handling delivery shortages much smoother than what some schools throughout our state and nation are experiencing.

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