

KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Bob Thomas, Superintendent



Memorandum

To: Bob Thomas
Superintendent

From: Russ Oaks
Chief Operating Officer

Brett Foster
Executive Director of School Nutrition

Date: April 17, 2019

Subject: Fiscal Year 2020 Preliminary School Nutrition Budget Recommendation

As you know, the School Nutrition Budget is a stand-alone budget that is managed independent of the Knox County Schools General Fund and Capital Fund Budgets. The revenues for this budget come from the sale of breakfast and lunch to students and staff, and from reimbursement from the federal government for free and reduced price meals served to students.

Attached is the Fiscal Year 2020 Preliminary School Nutrition Budget recommendation, which is based on projected revenue from all sources of \$27,310,000. This budget projects a revenue increase of \$625,000 from the revenue projected in the previous year's budget.

The increased revenue is based on the demonstrated revenue trend and aligns the FY 2020 Budget to a level of revenue consistent with the anticipated FY 2019 revenues. This budget provides for the continuation of the Community Eligibility Provision in forty-six (46) of our highest need schools while maintaining the current meal prices in our remaining schools. It also provides for a 5% pay increase for our food service workers in order to better align the worker pay scale with industry trends. The budget also provides for a 3.5% pay increase for all other School Nutrition personnel.

The School Nutrition Budget is required to maintain a fund balance equal to three months of

operating expenses. The Knox County Schools School Nutrition Budget has a healthy fund balance. As of December 31, 2018, the undesignated fund balance totaled \$8,850,476.63.

The Knox County Schools School Nutrition Program currently provides approximately 50,000 meals per day to students across the county including over 26,000 meals provided to students under the Community Eligibility Provision. The wholesome and nutritious offerings are provided efficiently and are a great value to the students we serve and their families. We look forward to continuing this level of service in the coming year, and we will seek ways to continue to improve our service and operational activities.