

Summer Food Service Program

Grant Overview: The Warren County School District was recently contacted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to determine its interest in offering a summer food service program (SFSP) at a location or locations within the district. SFSP is federally-funded, with sponsors receiving reimbursement for qualifying meals served to eligible children at approved SFSP sites. Eligible children receive a meal at no cost.

Reimbursement is based on the number of meals served and the documented costs of operating the program.

The administration is currently working with the district food service provider to determine costs related to operating sites in the Sheffield, Youngsville, and Clarendon areas. The sites are based on Free and Reduced Lunch enrollments across the county. The district is also working with the Community Foundation for Warren County as a potential partner to address costs above and beyond the SFSP reimbursement rates.

Amount of Award: Unknown at this time. Any award will be from the Community Foundation for Warren County, should they choose to participate.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Application, site information and budgets due by May 30, 2011.

Alternatives if not Awarded: SFSP will not take place.

WCSD Resources Required: Preparing/distributing SFSP meals will require food service staffing. Costs related to the program are still being explored.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to work with Aramark to develop a summer food service program to operate in the Youngsville, Clarendon, and Sheffield communities in summer 2011. Any proposed program will partner with an outside funder to address costs above and beyond those available to the district via reimbursement from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.