

# 2011 Summer Food Service Program Update

The Board of School Directors passed a motion at the May 9, 2011, board meeting authorizing the administration to work with ARAMARK to establish a summer food service program serving children in Youngsville, Clarendon, and Sheffield during the summer of 2011. The same motion directed the administration to explore partnerships with outside funders to secure funding to address any costs above and beyond what the district would be reimbursed for the program.

As a result, the WCSD Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will serve a lunch to any school-aged child that comes to either the Allegheny Valley Elementary School (AVES) or Youngsville Elementary/Middle School (YEMS) cafeterias. Children at the Sheffield Summer Playground site will have an opportunity to receive a bag lunch delivered from the AVES cafeteria as well. The SFSP starts on June 27<sup>th</sup> and will run through August 19<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday. AVES and YEMS will provide meals from 11:30 am-12:30 pm, while the Sheffield Playground site will provide a bag lunch from 12:00 pm-12:20 pm. Sites will not be in operation during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

The administration submitted an application to the Community Foundation of Warren County for a \$5,000 grant to support the SFSP, which was approved. The grant will be used to cover a \$2,000 administrative fee from ARAMARK, with the remaining amount held in reserve to address any cost overruns that may occur.

WCSD students received information about the program prior to the end of school, and the administration has worked with local media, churches, childcare providers, and local municipalities to publicize the SFSP. Menu information is available on the district web site at <http://www.wcsdpa.org/news.cfm?story=360>.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has received the district's SFSP application and provided on site training for ARAMARK and district employees on June 22, 2011. Cafeteria employees will be trained on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Meals will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on a regular basis for reimbursement. Both ARAMARK and WCSD Business Services department will be monitoring expenses to ensure that there is no cost to the district. If costs appear to threaten the "no-cost" directive of the Board, potential responses might be a reduction in labor, menu changes, ceasing operations at one or more sites, or ending the SFSP prior to the August end-date.