

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 at those sites. 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.

UPDATE: Aramark has created a preliminary budget that should allow the district to provide food over an eight-week program while not exceeding the state reimbursement amount. In discussions with the Pennsylvania Department of Education, we have been told that it is rare to have a program exceed reimbursement. A draft budget has been prepared.

Amount of Award: Approximately \$72,000.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Application, site information and budgets are 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 included in the preliminary budget.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to work with Aramark to implement a summer food service program to operate in the Youngsville, Clarendon, and Sheffield communities in summer 2011. The Board further instructs the administration to explore a partnership with an outside funder to address costs above and beyond those available to the district via reimbursement from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, should they occur.