

September Board Report  
School Nutrition Department  
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This year has been busy from the start. My office and all of the kitchens have been non-stop. We have all had to wear many hats so far this year. As the saying goes, "it takes teamwork to make the dream work". My ladies have been showing just that. They have really been working hard to get these kids fed. We have had some struggles but are diligently working to make things better for my staff as well as the students.

I talked to Bill Wickliffe, Director of Food Distribution, with KDA last week. I discussed some of our concerns with him. Simple things that I'm sure other Directors have faced He got with Tina Garland, Branch Manager of Food Distribution about our discussion and relayed my request for a KDA Chef. Tina was able to send Kim Simpson, from the KDA Chef's Program, to visit our district yesterday. I took her to the High School kitchen but we mainly concentrated on the Middle School. Some of her suggestions will be applied to both schools. Kim is the former Food Service Director from Bowling Green Independent Schools. She helped by suggesting a few ideas to improve in the areas of prep and serving of food. She also shared some equipment ideas that could elevate some of our quantity cooking problems that are going on at the Middle School. I feel like this visit was extremely beneficial to our program. I look forward to another visit from her sometime in the future. I have made a very worthy connection to someone is willing to continue to be a wealth of helpful information.

Our annual Re-Certification training that we held here on August 14 was a success. The staff really enjoyed the presenters and their presentations this year. I have already been thinking about ideas and what we can do for next year's training.

We had a vacant position at the High School. We have hired Jama Stout to fill that vacancy. She is scheduled to report to work on September 30. This will complete the High School staff. Paula Kemper will be retiring at the end of the month. Her position is posted and interviews will begin this afternoon. Debbie Raisor from the Cartmell staff has resigned her position effective at the end of the month as well.

Her position is also currently posted. I hope to have these positions filled as soon as possible. I have several staff members out right now due to illness and surgeries. Staci and I have been filling in as dishwashers when needed at those kitchens. We have Monica Meadows and Ellen Jones both out from Winn recovering from surgeries. I wish them both a very speedy recovery.

I plan to re-vamp a few things such as prep, recipes, and presentation for the serving lines this year. This is going to be a work in progress throughout the year. I look forward to improving on things that we already have in place and making this year one of the best years yet!

Thank you for your continued support of this program. I am extremely grateful!

Respectfully,

Lisa Gault

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