

School Nutrition Department
Board Report
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This is a very different and challenging way to start the school year for sure. My staff is back in the kitchens and we are adjusting to feed and meet the needs of our Carroll County students.

Starting on the first day for students, which will also be our first day of feeding, we will be feeding under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) meal pattern. USDA no longer allows the Summer Feeding Program (SFSP) meal pattern at this time. Under NSLP, we can only feed enrolled Carroll County School students. All Directors across the state and I are hoping that the USDA will rethink this and go back to feeding under the Summer Feeding Program. The Summer Feeding Program is a more flexible meal pattern. This will be much easier to meet during this time of distance learning.

I have submitted waivers for Non-Congregate Feeding, Meal Service Time Flexibility, and Offer vs. Serve Flexibility for High Schools and Meal Pattern Flexibilities for Vegetable Subgroups Legumes and Starchy. These waivers have all been submitted and approved by School Community and Nutrition at KDE. I have also submitted a waiver for Parent Pickup at the 11 site locations. I am awaiting approval for this. Approval of this waiver should be any day.

Steinhardt Heating and Cooling from Hanover, Indiana have been here to check and inspect all of our refrigeration and ice machine equipment. They have been to all four kitchens. This is to ensure that the equipment is serviced properly and ready to start the school year. They will be making routine checks and any needed repairs throughout the year.

Choate Fire Protection has also made routine visits to our kitchens to inspect all fire extinguishers and hoods to make sure that they are all in proper working order.

One employee, Cindy Harmon, has decided not to return to work at Cartmell this year. The position was posted. The manager at Cartmell, Shannon Rucker and I

have conducted interviews with the applicants and the selection has been made. I plan to offer the position today.

I have three employees not able to return to work due to childcare issues. They have opted to accept the 2/3 pay and stay home with their child/children. I have one that is going to come back as soon as possible. She is out on a medical leave due to a recent surgery.

I hope that someday we will be able to return to some sort of normal, even if it is a “new” normal. Until then we will all work together and help each other get through all of this.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Respectfully,

Lisa Gault

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