

School Nutrition Department  
Board Report  
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This school year is off to a fast-paced start. My staff is back in their kitchens trying very hard to get back into the swing of things and serve our Carroll County students. They are having to adjust to back to in-person learning and how to best meet the needs of each student.

On the first day of school we began feeding our students under the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). This is in place for the entire year if things remain the same as they are now. The meal pattern for this program is basically the same as the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) but with a higher reimbursement rate. We still must meet what is required by the USDA while also meeting the vegetable sub-groups within the meal pattern. It is not as simple as just putting good food on a plate. It's large puzzle that has to all fit together to be able to provide what is needed and meet the requirements set forth by the USDA.

I applied for the Offer vs. serve (OVS) Flexibility for High Schools waiver yesterday. I have received approval from the School Community and Nutrition department at KDE for this waiver. I thought it would help with feeding iLead students at their location. However, there are still a few details and procedures to be worked out. I don't expect any problems with that.

Steinhardt Heating and Cooling from Hanover, Indiana have been here over the summer to check and inspect all our refrigeration and ice machine equipment. They went 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 needed repairs throughout the year.

I started the first week with a full staff. Now I'm already down three staff members. I have an opening at Winn, Middle School and High School. I hope to be able to fill these positions as soon as possible. If you know of a good candidate, please send them my way.

I wish all of you to stay safe and healthy during this time.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Respectfully,

Lisa Gault

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