

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# Memorandum

To: Members, Board of Education

From: Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

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RE: Student Nutrition Services Update

The staff associated with Student Nutrition Services looks for ways to improve the program on an ongoing basis. On March 13, 2008 we met with four (4) principals from across the District to gain insight to building perspectives and to share District perspectives with them. We also met briefly with school nurses and most recently met with the Wellness Policy Committee members for input and sharing.

I am attaching an outline that summarizes the areas and information we have been working on for improvements to SNS. At the work session on April 14, 2008, we will present most of this information in greater detail. Jenny Neyman is working with us to create flyers and informational handouts for public distribution. Many of these items should be available for the work session. We will also have representative meals from the menu with nutritional information relevant to the meal.

I look forward to sharing this information with you.

## **SNS Spring 08 Improvement Outline**

#### I. Meals served

- A. Definition/perception of nutritious meal
  - 1. Actual federal requirements
  - 2. Perception vs. reality
- B. Popular meals vs. unpopular meals
  - 1. Student survey
    - a. 3 most popular
    - b. 3 least popular
    - c. 2 suggestions for new meals
  - 2. Nutritional analysis of popular and unpopular per survey
  - 3. Garbage can exam
- C. Portions/servings
  - 1. Federal requirements
  - 2. KPBSD actual amounts as compared to federal requirements
  - 3. Potential CRE concerns/problems
- D. Menu rotation
  - 1. Change current 6-week menu rotation to 4-week rotation?
  - 2. Eliminate unpopular and non-nutritional meals
  - 3. Ability to meet federal standards with changes?
  - 4. Enough variety for students?
- E. Meals served history
  - 1. District-wide participation by number (#) and percentage (%) in 2005-2006
  - 2. District-wide participation by number (#) and percentage (%) in 2007-2008
  - 3. Comparative information
  - 4. Federal requirement of less than 30 percent (%) of calories coming from fat
  - 5. KPBSD 2005-2006 percent (%) of calories coming from fat
  - 6. KPBSD 2007-2008 percent (%) of calories coming from fat
  - 7. Comparative information
- F. Student reaction to recent newly introduced "nutritious" meals, i.e.....whole wheat wraps
- G. Cause of unannounced menu changes at the building level?
- H. New menus?

### II. Cost of SNS

- A. Actual history of annual deficit/transfer
- B. Budget costs
  - 1. Salaries & benefit amounts (\$) and percentage (%)
  - 2. Non-personnel amounts (\$) and percentage (%)
- C. Labor disparity information compared per site
  - 1. Basic hours required by site despite size?
  - 2. Economics of scale
  - 3. MPH served disparity?
  - 4. Other site prep hours

- D. Revenue chart (by source) & expenditure chart (by expenditure)
- E. Possible efficiencies?
- III. SNS Employees who do they belong to? Building or District SNS?
  - A. Need to work together on:
    - 1. Hiring
    - 2. Evaluations
    - 3. Substitutes
    - 4. Hours
- IV. Communication/dissemination of information
  - A. Fact flyers
  - B. Nutritional analysis availability
  - C. Newsletters
  - D. Website
  - E. Site Council meetings
  - F. Student Council meetings