



# Brookings School District

*Empowering all learners to embrace and be inspired to realize their potential*

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Laura Swier, Director of Child Nutrition

RE: Administrative Report

DATE: October 2024

## Highlights from the Child Nutrition Department

### 1. Free & Reduced Priced Meal Eligibility

- a. Below are the current free and reduced priced meal eligibility percentages per site and for the overall district for the 2024-2025 school year:
  - i. District: 21%
  - ii. Brookings High School: 18%
  - iii. Mickelson Middle School: 21%
  - iv. Camelot Intermediate: 21%
  - v. Hillcrest Elementary: 34%
  - vi. Medary Elementary: 33%
  - vii. Dakota Prairie Elementary: 13%

### 2. Preschool

- a. As of October 1, the Child Nutrition Department has been offering food to the preschool learners at Hillcrest Elementary, Medary Elementary, and Dakota Prairie Elementary through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Due to the age of our preschoolers (4-year-olds) and each of our preschool sites being licensed through the Department of Social Services, our department was required to implement CACFP, which is a new federal nutrition program for our department to operate. Each day preschool learners are offered a morning snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack.

### 3. Program Review

- a. The Child Nutrition Department is scheduled to have an Administrative Review (AR) and Procurement Review (PR) during the 2024-2025 school year. We were to receive the reviews last school year; however, we received notice that both were pushed back for one school year. Both the AR and PR will look at details of the breakfast and lunch meals offered to learners, along with various other details of our department and district.

- b. The Child Nutrition Department will also receive a review of our operation for the Child and Adult Care Food Program for the food offered to preschool learners, and all other requirements that come along with operating this federal program.

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