

Food Service Update  
September 16, 2020 School Board Meeting  
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The USDA has issued a number of nationwide waivers that pertain to serving food to children during the current pandemic. The waiver for Free Breakfast and Lunch for each student in *all* schools was a somewhat of an unexpected benefit.

While this certainly will help make meals more accessible to all students, developing their comfort zone with taking school meals and preordering remote meals during this time is still a work in progress. It also will increase our Reimbursement Revenue, but that reimbursement is a replacement for lunch sales income.

Additionally, our program has also relied on a significant a la carte income to help cover costs. A sharp decrease in the safe opportunity for A la Carte sales is still highly likely to impact our program even as the opening months progress.

We also are operating with only half of the students in the building , only 4 out of 5 days each week.