



Subject: Approve Food Services Program for 2026-2027
Date: June 16, 2026

District 45 has operated under the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) since 2022. The District's current CEP cycle expires on June 30, 2026, requiring the Board to consider the most fiscally responsible approach for the 2026-2027 school year while maintaining student access to nutritious meals.

After reviewing enrollment data, student eligibility rates, reimbursement formulas, and operational considerations, the administration recommends a hybrid approach utilizing both CEP and Provision 2.

Schools Remaining on CEP

- North School, Schafer School, Stevenson School, York Center School, Jefferson Middle School

Schools Transitioning to Provision 2

- Ardmore School, Westmore School, Jackson Middle School

Provision 2 allows meals to remain free for students while utilizing a reimbursement structure that is more advantageous for schools with moderate levels of economic need. Under this model, a base year is established and meal reimbursement percentages are calculated using historical participation data rather than CEP's direct-certification formula.

District projections estimate approximately 563,760 meals will be served during the 2026-2027 school year.

Program Model	Projected Revenue	Projected Expenditures	Projected Profit/(Loss)
All Schools CEP	\$2,039,748	\$2,133,831	(\$94,084)
Recommended CEP + Provision 2	\$2,232,139	\$2,133,831	\$98,307