

Minidoka School District #331

Nutrition Department Monthly Report May

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Fueling Healthy Futures

Executive Snapshot (March)

- **Meals Served:** 40,182 total (11,316 breakfasts | 29,002 lunches)
 - **Total Reimbursements:** \$132,273.79
 - **Negative Meal Balance:** \$16,157.64 (continuing downward trend)
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1. Meal Service & Participation

During the month of May, the Nutrition Department served **11,316 breakfasts** and **29,002 lunches**, continuing to provide reliable access to nutritious meals for students across the district. Participation remains steady, with ongoing efforts focused on improving meal quality, presentation, and student engagement.

2. Financial Performance

The department received **\$127,865.14** in federal reimbursements for breakfast and lunch programs, along with **\$7,293.53** from the At-Risk Afterschool Program and daycare services. With **\$7,093.67 from FFV** for a combined total of **\$142,252.34**. These revenues are essential in sustaining program operations and supporting continued improvements in service delivery.

3. Negative Meal Balances

The district's current negative meal balance has decreased to **\$16,157.64**, reflecting continued progress. The breakdown by site is as follows:

- Acequia Elementary – \$0
- East Minico – \$1,018.75
- Heyburn Elementary – \$917.60

- Minico High School – \$8,749.33
- Mt. Harrison – \$1,398.55
- Rupert Elementary – \$3,675.60
- West Minico – \$397.81

While balances remain highest at Minico High School, we are encouraged by the overall reduction and will continue focusing on communication and support strategies to further decrease outstanding balances.

4. Programs & Initiatives

Summer Feeding Program

The Summer Feeding Program will start the second week of June and we are excited and encouraged to see how the reception will be for the new 7 day meal boxes.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The district has met the eligibility criteria to apply for CEP for the upcoming school year. We are awaiting approval, which, will be announced in July and if granted, would allow us to provide free meals to all students, significantly reducing financial burdens on families while stabilizing program funding.

District Food Pantry

Development of the district food pantry is paused for the moment as we navigate getting the Summer program off its feet but are still planning on continuing. This initiative will provide additional food support to families and strengthen our efforts to address food insecurity beyond the school day.

6. Looking Ahead

Key priorities for the upcoming month include:

- Launching a successful Summer Feeding Program
- Continuing progress toward CEP approval
- Advancing development of the district food pantry