

Board Spotlight - Food Service

Nate Huff, Food Service Director



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Meal Counts Update

- 26 Breakfast – 317,804
- 26 Lunch – 505,004
- 25 Breakfast – 349,117
- 25 Lunch – 526,387

Meal Counts Update

23 Total – 542,267

24 Total – 856,469

25 Total – 875,504

26 Total - 822,208

Up 34% from 2023

Down roughly 3% from 25 highs

Equipment replacement

- Cooler/Freezer CPIS



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CPIS Cooler/Freezer

- Much greater thermal efficiency
- Much greater energy efficiency
- Updated monitoring/alarms/programming
- Much safer for the next 30 years of cooks

Equipment Upgrades

- Dish machine CPIS



Dish Machine CPIS

- Much greater energy efficiency
- Much less water usage
- Greatly increased speed
- Much more user friendly

Audit Process

Crime

Man listed as 78th person charged in Feeding Our Future scheme pleads guilty

By Nick Lentz

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January 9, 2026

FinCEN Alert on Fraud Rings and Their Exploitation of Federal Child Nutrition Programs in Minnesota

Woman at center of sprawling Minnesota fraud case gets nearly 42-year prison sentence

Audit Process

- MDE Resource Management Review (Sep-current)
 - Primary Focus on allocated costs to Fund 2
 - Ongoing work with PAR's/timecard tracking

Audit Process

- MDE FNS Program Review (Apr – Sep)
 - Nutritional and Menu/Meal Pattern requirements
 - Free and Reduced Program
 - Food Safety
 - Civil Rights
 - Counting and Claiming
 - Mandatory Training
 - Required Communications
 - Site Visits/Inspections

MDE/FNS Review

- Isanti Middle School (7am – 2pm)
- No official findings
- One item (Technical Assistance) regarding the placement of a required poster
- Best result I've seen for a site, great job IMS!

Audit Process

- Independent Audit – Child Nutrition Cluster (Jun – Present)
- Primary Focus on:
 - Free and Reduced Applications
 - Meal Counts and Claims
 - Department Procurement Procedures

Audit Process

- Work continues with all three audits
- Exit process expected to be complete in October

Next year challenges

- Staffing is always a challenge
- New nutritional guidelines
 - Limits on added sugars in 27-28
 - Sodium limit reduction in 27-28
 - More flexibility with meat and meat alternates at breakfast
 - Gradual limit reduction on non-domestic food purchases

Thanks!

- Happy to address and questions or concerns regarding food service!