

Minidoka School District #331

Nutrition Department Monthly Report – June

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Fueling Healthy Futures

Executive Snapshot (June)

- **Meals Served:** 47,808 total (23,663 breakfasts | 24,145 lunches)
 - **Total Program Reimbursements: \$210,874.44**
 - **Food & Labor Costs: \$157,711.02**
 - **Program Status:** Summer Feeding Program underway with strong community participation
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Meal Service & Financial Performance

The Nutrition Department had a successful start to the summer meal program, serving **23,663 breakfasts** and **24,145 lunches** during the month of June, for a total of **47,808 meals**. The department received **\$210,874.44** in federal reimbursements, while total food and labor expenses were **\$157,711.02**. These results reflect the continued commitment of our staff to providing nutritious meals while maintaining responsible fiscal management.

Summer Feeding Program

Our new **7-day meal box program** has been extremely well received by families throughout the district. The convenience of providing an entire week's worth of breakfasts and lunches in one distribution has generated overwhelmingly positive feedback. Families have expressed appreciation for the flexibility the program offers, reducing transportation barriers and ensuring children have consistent access to nutritious meals throughout the week. We are encouraged by the response and will continue evaluating participation and feedback as we work to strengthen and expand the program in future years.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

We continue to await final confirmation from the Idaho State Department of Education regarding our application for the **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**. The state is currently validating the data submitted by the district, and we anticipate receiving a final determination by the end of July. If approved, CEP will allow Minidoka School District to

provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to every student, significantly reducing financial burdens on families while supporting increased participation and improved student nutrition.

District Food Pantry

Development of the district food pantry has temporarily paused while staff focused on launching and operating the Summer Feeding Program. However, momentum continues to build behind this important initiative. We are grateful to the **Rupert Elks Lodge** for their generous donation of a walk-in refrigeration unit, which will become a key component of the pantry's operations. In addition, the district has been approved to receive the shipping containers that will serve as the pantry facility. Construction and development will become a priority as we transition back into the school year, and we look forward to bringing this valuable resource online to better serve students and families experiencing food insecurity.

As always, the Nutrition Department remains committed to our mission of **Fueling Healthy Futures** by ensuring every student has access to healthy, nutritious meals both during the school day and beyond.