

BOARD BRIEF

Date: February 22, 2019

For ACTION _____
For INFORMATION X____
Board Agenda: No X__

FROM: Cynthia R. Hormel, Director School Nutrition Services

THROUGH: Mignon Anthony, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Cindy M. Anderson, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Federal Review of the School Nutrition Services Program

SUMMARY: The intent of this memorandum is to inform you that the ACPS School Nutrition Program is scheduled for an onsite review on the following dates, March 19-22, 2019. The (3) schools that have been identified by the Virginia Department of Education officials to participate in the federal review are George Washington Middle School, Cora Kelly School for Science and Technology and George Mason Elementary.

BACKGROUND: School Nutrition Services (SNS) supports the educational mission and instructional programs of ACPS by providing nutritious meals to students and staff. It is a priority of the Alexandria School Nutrition Program that all students throughout the district, regardless of their paying status, have equal access to receive nutritionally-balanced meals as part of the federal USDA meal program.

In accordance with provisions of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, all entities participating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program must be reviewed by the state agency once every three years. The purpose of the review is to ensure compliance with federal program requirements. This would include the free and reduced meal applications processes and procedures, access to meals, the regulatory guidelines that govern these meals, menu compliance and overall nutrition integrity of the meals.

In addition, they will review the ACPS Wellness and Charge Policies for compliancy as well as other Federal Programs the School Nutrition Service Program participates and provides oversight for across the district, such as; the Afterschool Snack Program, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, the Summer Feeding Program, and the CACFP Supper programs.

RECOMMENDATION: The superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information provided in the brief.

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