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LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL LUNCH CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

~~Insofar as the U.S. Congress has enacted legislation to permit local school authorities to determine how local contributions to the school lunch program are to be used, the Board of Education designates that all local contributions be applied toward the costs of full-price school lunches only.~~

~~Such action will not affect State and Federal participation in the free and reduced price lunch program.~~

I. Purpose

The purpose of Policy EFEA is to set forth the child nutrition program in Washington County Public Schools (WCPS).

II. Background

The Board of Education, in order to provide students with well-balanced, nutritious meals at the lowest possible cost to students and parents, participates in the School Breakfast Program, the National School Lunch Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Service Program.

III. Definitions

Within the context of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- A. Child and Adult Care Food Program: A federal program that provides aid to child and adult care institutions and family or group day care homes for the provision of nutrition foods that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children, and the health and wellness of older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons.
- B. Enterprise Fund: A fund established by a governmental entity to account for operations of an enterprise activity (a self-sustaining activity). Enterprise funds generally are segregated as to purpose and use from other funds and accounts of the governmental entity with the intent that revenues generated by the enterprise activity and deposited to the enterprise fund will be devoted principally to funding all operations of the enterprise activity.
- C. National School Lunch Program: A federally-assisted meal program operating in public schools that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to eligible children each school day.
- D. School Breakfast Program: A federal program that provides cash assistance to states to operate nonprofit breakfast programs in schools.
- E. School Day: The period from the midnight before, to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.
- F. Summer Food Service Program: A federal program that ensures that low-income children to 18 years of age continue to receive free nutritious meals at approved Summer Food Service Program sites when school is not in session.

IV. Policy Statement/Procedures

- A. The purpose of the child nutrition program is to provide nutritious meals that contribute to the academic and physical development of children.
- B. Children may receive breakfast and lunch at no cost to them if they are categorically eligible for free meals or if they qualify for free meals based on federal poverty guidelines.
- C. The child nutrition program in WCPS is a nonprofit enterprise fund by design and depends upon revenue derived from meals for its support.
- D. The child nutrition program provides students with nutritious meals at a very low cost and the viability of the program depends upon parents/guardians paying the low cost.
- E. The Board of Education authorizes school system staff to collect outstanding debt from parents/guardians, when appropriate, to keep the enterprise fund viable. These procedures may include forwarding accounts with a negative balance to a collection agency.
- F. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to promulgate an administrative regulation to implement this policy.

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Board of Education of Washington County