



# Memorandum to the Board of Education

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**FROM:** Michael McLellan, Secretary-Treasurer  
**TO:** The Board of Education  
**DATE:** September 15, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Financial Report - Amendments to the 2023-2024 Budget

**For Information**

### Introduction

For this year's 2023-2024 Budget, the District has new or revised spending plans for grants from the Student & Family Affordability Fund, the new Feeding Futures Fund, and the new Food Infrastructure Program capital fund.

### Student & Family Affordability Fund

Of the \$250,000 Student & Family Affordability Fund grants received last year, \$179,037 was spent, and \$86,963 was carried forward into 2023-2024. Each school has been allocated a share of these funds for 2023-2024 based on a per-pupil formula.

- BES. Supplies have been provided to all students as needed.
- EES. Supplies have been provided to all students as needed.
- NSS. School supplies have been purchased for any students needing them. Funds will be used to support field trips and activities costs throughout the year, reducing expenses for families.
- NES. School supplies have been purchased for any students needing them. The remainder will be used to both reduce costs and provide additional opportunities for students, as well as reducing expenses for families at after-school clubs, for winter sports and for field trips.
- LESS. The school purchased school supplies for students. Funds will also be used to reduce costs and expand opportunities for students and families for field trips and swimming lessons.

### Feeding Futures Fund

The District will receive \$350,000 this year from the Feeding Futures Fund. Each school has a unique plan for best delivering nutritious food to help enhance positive academic and health outcomes for students.

- BES. Breakfast hot lunches will be provided by community member experienced in food preparation will provide students per week.
- EES. A local contractor will provide students with two hot lunches per week as needed.
- NES. The school is expanding existing breakfast and lunch programs to provide breakfast and lunch daily to students as needed through a local food coordinator.



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- NSS. Food preparation equipment, including two new fridges and upright freezers to store prepared food, as well as a new convection stove, new food processor and new plates and utensils, will be purchased. This equipment is in addition to the Food Infrastructure Program projects described below in this memorandum. A local chef has been hired to make sandwiches and prepare hot meals two to three times per week. The food provided will include lunches for any student requesting it, supplementing existing breakfast programs, specialty meal plans once per month, fruit and snacks during the day available to students, and good support for students on trips and sporting activities.
- LESS. Breakfast will be provided as needed for students daily, expanding the existing breakfast program. A lunch program providing three meals a week will now be provided to students as needed. Nutritious food will be provided as needed through a new gardening program and at various events.
- NELCC. Funding will cover after-school snacks for our school-age children and supplemental snacks in the Multi-Age program.

### Food Infrastructure Program

The District has been granted Food Infrastructure Program funding for projects at three schools:

- EES. Add electrical and proper ventilation, replace/add appliances including a commercial dishwasher, range, microwave range, and upright freezer, as well as replacement cabinetry, installing countertops with a double sink for proper preparation area. Also replacing flooring.
- NSS. Upgrade kitchen/prep/foods rooms to be used for food program preparation and storage. New appliances including a commercial dishwasher and upright freezers, as well as installing upgraded cabinets and venting.
- LESS. Replace appliances and countertops in the food prep area. Appliances includes microwaves, dishwashers, new air fryers, griddles, blenders, hydroponic indoor garden, BBQ and small tools. Also, minor upgrades will be made to the active greenhouse to supply food for the school food program.