



SCHOOL FOOD 101

A crash course in the logistics of federally funded food programs



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**SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE IS IT'S OWN ENTITY, OPERATES AS A NOT- FOR -PROFIT BUSINESS
AND IS **NOT** PART OF THE GENERAL FUND**

HOW/WHERE DO WE RECEIVE FUNDING?

- **Federal and State reimbursement** per every meal that we serve **that meets** the mandated meal pattern guidelines
- **A La Carte Sales:** Second meal choices from students/staff; Snacks, etc. -Minimal options and purchases at this time
- **Vending/Catering:** Per CDC guidelines, not recommended at this time or minimal and under controlled supervision
- **New York State Office of General Services-Commodity Food Program:**
- **Supplemented by the General Fund via Budget Transfers**





Operation Umbrella

The National School Lunch Program funded through USDA and monitored through NY State Ed

Programs Clyde-Savannah currently participates in:

- National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs
 - Summer Food Service Program
 - Community Eligibility Provision



WHERE DOES OUR FOOD COME FROM UNDER THESE PROGRAMS?

Several sources:

- Collective purchasing groups through competitive bids
- USDA Commodity Sources: NYS Office of General Services-OGS



COLLECTIVE PURCHASING GROUPS THROUGH COMPETITIVE BIDS



WAYNE FINGER LAKES BOCES COOPERATIVE BIDS

- Bread-Bimbo
- Produce-Genecco Produce
- Dairy-Upstate Farms Niagara Cooperative
 - Materials & Supplies-Regional/
 - Ice Cream-Perry's



USDA COMMODITY PROGRAM

- Dollar amount of entitlement based on the district's participation rates in the Lunch program
 - CS = Roughly \$38,000 broken up between the nine months we are in school
 - Delivered twice a month-these items help to offset our food costs
- Most recent delivery January 3=72 cases of food currently stored in bulk in our freezers

NY STATE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES-OGS

- General Grocery-Sysco
- Dairy-Upstate Farms Cooperative

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED

Why can't we outsource catering options with local restaurants?

- *The district would be required to drop out of the federally funded programs that currently allow all of our students access to free meals*
 - *Opting in or out of these programs requires prior approval from State Ed through an application process*
 - *You can't do both; it's one or the other and opting in or out does not happen overnight*
 - *Local restaurants do not participate in these federal programs; who would pay them for their products and services?*
 - *Who would be responsible for monitoring potential allergy students and what they receive?*

Why can't we purchase from BOCES supply/stock of food for a two week period?

- *BOCES does **not** have a warehouse with food in stock-they only assist in their participating district's bid procurement process.*
 - *Districts purchase/prepare their own meals.*

Why can't other members of the staff or volunteers assist in food preparation in instances of quarantine? They can, however:

- *At least one person in each distribution/preparation location should be trained/certified in a ten hour Sanitation course*
- *One person in each distribution/preparation location should have a working knowledge of the federal/state meal patterns and how to record and track them appropriately for counting/claiming purposes*

Can we prepare/deliver meals the weekend prior asking parents to pack them daily for the following week?

- *How do we know ahead of time that we could potentially be closed the following week? Additionally, where do we find adequate storage facilities to service both models in not knowing what we may be facing from week to week?*
 - *How do we provide for the students whose parents/guardians did not pick up the meals?*
 - *How do we ensure that the items will be kept at a safe time/temperature service model?*

What would happen if we chose to ignore federal/state guidelines and operate freely to get us through a quarantine without shutting down the district?

- ***IF DISCOVERED THROUGH AN AUDIT PROCESS, WHICH WE ARE SUBJECTED TO YEARLY, THE DISTRICT COULD BE SUBJECT TO HEAVY FINES AND POTENTIAL DISQUALIFICATION IN FUTURE FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS!***

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: <https://www.usda.gov>

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT/CHILD NUTRITION: www.cn.nysed.gov

CHOOSEMYPLATE.GOV: <https://myplate.gov>

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES/PROCUREMENT: www.ogs.state.ny.us

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION: <https://www.cdc.gov>

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QUESTIONS

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