

**FY 2023 BUDGET: SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP PRESENTATION**

**Building/Program: School Nutrition Program**

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**What key issues and priorities are you trying to address in your proposed budget?**

RSU 5's Nutrition Program continues its work to support student learning through a robust and equitable Nutrition Program. FY 2023's budget supports the department's long-term efforts to ensure that all of RSU 5's students enjoy delicious and nutritious foods throughout the school day and that the department is able to continue to adapt to changing schedules, product and equipment availability, and drastic increases in school meal participation.

**How do these priorities align with the district's three strategic objectives?**

RSU 5 Strategic Goal 4: *RSU 5 has well developed and refined finance, human resource, facilities, transportation and food service systems to support the learning of all students.*

RSU 5's nutrition program will adequately staff and supply its operations to provide the quality nutritional support that its students need for optimal learning and physical and social-emotional health.

<b>Adjustments to Budget in FY 22</b>	<b>Staffing Adjustments to Budget in FY 23</b>
<p><u>Staffing:</u> We added between 2.5 and 5 hours to 6 positions district-wide in anticipation of increased meal participation. The additional support has allowed the department to offer meals to all students learning remotely due to quarantine and isolation protocols and adapt kitchen procurement and processes to cope with significant supply chain challenges.</p> <p>One position at MSS remains vacant and FY 22 funds that were budgeted for this position have been used to fund an additional 30 hour/week position at DCS that was created in January 2022. This new position is contemplated separately in the FY 23 budget, as we intend to fill the MSS position when a candidate becomes available.</p>	<p><u>Increase Staff:</u> One Kitchen Assistant position at DCS: 30 hours/week.increased from 30 to 35 hours per week. +\$28,000.00</p>

**Other significant FY 23 requests in budget and need (Supplies, Equipment, etc).**

N/A