FY 26 BUDGET: SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

Building/Department: School Nutrition Department

What key issues and priorities are you addressing in your proposed budget?

RSU 5's Nutrition Program supports student learning and wellness through a variety of school meal offerings that satisfy students' nutritional needs. FY26's budget addresses the district's high student meal participation rate and the associated costs. The Nutrition Department strives to ensure student meal access despite changes to federal programming or reimbursement.

Staffing Adjustments to Budget in FY 25	**Staffing Adjustments to Budget in FY 26**
Increase Hours/Day for 5 positions: 1. One Kitchen Manager at Mast Lansing School from 32.5 to 40 hours per week. 2. One Kitchen Assistant at Mast Landing from 35 to 40 hours per week. 3. One Kitchen Assistant at Morse Street School from 35 to 40 hours per week. 4. One Kitchen Assistant at Freeport High School from 35 to 40 hours per week. 5. One Kitchen Assistant at Durham Community School from 35 to 40 hours per week. Additional position added: One kitchen assistant at Freeport High School at 35 hours per week.	No changes to staffing for FY 26.

Other significant FY 26 requests in budget and need (Supplies, Equipment, etc).

- Decrease in request from local budget: $185,334 (SY25) to 24.68% $139,591 (SY26) due to continuing success of the program.
- 9% increase to cover the anticipated increase in food costs.