

FY 27 BUDGET: SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET PRESENTATION

Building/Department: School Nutrition Department

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

RSU 5’s Nutrition Program budget prioritizes student access to nutritious, appealing meals that support learning, health, and overall well-being. The proposed budget reflects the district’s consistently high meal participation rates and the operational costs required to sustain and improve service across all schools. Key issues addressed include rising food, labor, and supply costs, as well as the need to maintain adequate staffing and to update kitchen equipment to meet student needs.

Additionally, the budget prioritizes program stability amid changes or uncertainty in federal and state meal reimbursement and nutrition policy. The Nutrition Department remains committed to minimizing financial barriers for families, ensuring equitable meal access for all students, and maintaining compliance with nutrition standards while continuing to adapt menus and operations to meet student needs and preferences.

Staffing Adjustments to Budget in FY 26	Staffing Adjustments to Budget in FY 27
No staffing adjustments for FY26.	<u>Increase hours/day for two positions</u> 1. FHS: One Food Service Assistant's hours increase from 7.25 hr/day → 8 hr/day (36.25/week → 40/week) 2. FMS: One Food Service Assistant’s hour increase from 7 hr/day → 8 hr/day (35/week → 40/week)

Other significant FY 27 requests in budget and need (Supplies, Equipment, etc).

Decrease in contribution from the general fund: \$139,591 (FY 26) → \$69,796 (FY 27)