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Pittsburgh Public Schools to Undergo State Administrative Review of School Meal Programs This Spring

PITTSBURGH, PA February 25, 2026- Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) Food Services will undergo a routine Administrative Review (AR) of its school meal programs this spring. The review will be conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Bureau of Food and Nutrition.

Administrative Reviews are federally required under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The review process ensures that school districts participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) remain in compliance with federal and state regulations while also receiving technical assistance and operational support.

“We welcome the review process as an important opportunity to demonstrate the strength of our programs and identify ways to make them even better,” said Chef Malik Hamilton, Director of Food Service for Pittsburgh Public Schools. “We are committed to working closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Education to ensure our school meal programs consistently meet the highest standards for nutrition, compliance, and exceptional service to our students.”

For PPS, the on-site portion of the Administrative Review is scheduled for April 2026. February 2026 has been designated as the test month for evaluation of program operations and documentation.

Administrative Reviews assess both critical and general areas of school nutrition program operations, including:

- Meal service and access
- Compliance with federal nutrition standards
- Financial management and procurement practices
- Program administration and recordkeeping

The Administrative Review process includes both off-site and on-site components and serves as a comprehensive evaluation of district school nutrition operations. The purpose of the review is to confirm compliance with program requirements, provide technical assistance, identify any necessary corrective actions, and ensure the responsible stewardship of public funds.

For more information about Pittsburgh Public Schools Food Services, please visit the district’s website pghschools.org/foodservices.

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