SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD
7362 East Point Douglas Rd S.
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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| **DATE:** | April 9, 2026 |
| **TOPIC:** | 5.2 First Reading of the Proposed 2026-2027 Nutrition Services Budget |
| **PRESENTER:** | Bobbie Jo Grummons, Assistant Director of Nutrition Services and Kari Botnen, Nutrition Services Supervisor |
| **REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE:** | Policy 701, Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget |

A. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

a. Nutrition Services will offer both breakfast and lunch at all buildings. Meals will continue to be free to all students regardless of income status.
b. Revenue shows a slight increase, due to an increase in reimbursement for both breakfast and lunch. The budget will reflect an inflationary increase in the costs of goods as well as a market increase in staff wages and a cost increase in benefits.
c. The current projected fund balance will exceed the school board goal of 16%. The projected total after SY26 will be 35.7%. Due to an increase in revenue, and a decrease in expenses (due to less equipment purchases), there will be a slight uptick in fund balance. The overall fund balance total after SY27 will be at 37%. USDA regulations will allow for 6 months operating expenses again for the 2027 school year in which we will have roughly 3.3 months of operating expenses. Prior allowable expenses were 3 months maximum.
d. Attached are documents outlining the revenue, expenditures, and proposed fund balance summary for the upcoming school year.

B. **RECOMMENDATION**

a. Information for the board

C. **CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY**

a. Operations, Staffing, and Finance