

School Nutrition Resolution

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History Relative to the School Nutrition Resolution 1718R-004

- School Nutrition Services delivers 9M meals per year with 600 funded positions.
- Prior to 2006 School Nutrition had 1200 employees meeting the needs of MPS students.
- In 2007 Sr. Leadership and Milwaukee Board of Directors approved and directed Nutrition staff to begin Pre-Pack operations to reduce costs.
- Breakfast in the Classroom and Pre-Pack operations expanded over the last 10+ years to meet the growing needs of childhood hunger in Milwaukee.
- Reduction in force of food service staff began in 2005-06 as a result of:
 - Changes in menu, food preparation & delivery systems,
 - MPS hiring freeze over a period of several years, and
 - Increased number of retirements & attrition.



Key Elements of Resolution & Feedback

- Resolution 1718R-004 was introduced by Directors Phillips and Voss at the September 2017 AFP Committee Meeting.
- Key elements of the Resolution include:
 - Limiting processed, high-sugar offerings
 - Increasing availability of fresh fruits & vegetables
 - Manner in which food is presented
 - Establishing regular communication mechanisms for continued feedback
 - Maximizing the lunch period



Based on the Resolution what did School Nutrition Do?

School Nutrition gathered feedback via multiple venues:

- **Focus Groups:** Approximately 100 students participated in four groups throughout the city.
- **Student Nutrition Survey:** Approximately 16,000 students (grades 4 through 12) took the survey.
- **Nine Listening Sessions:** Around 200 parents, staff, students & community members participated.
- **Love It or Leave It Student Poll:** Took place district wide in cafeterias on several new lunch items.
- **Published Results:** Will be posted on the School Nutrition website.



Next Steps: Adopt Resolution 1718R-004

- School Nutrition's short-range plan of action, includes:
 - Expand the variety of fresh fruits offered at breakfast & lunch
 - Expand hot breakfast options
 - Convert to improved recyclable/compostable lunch trays in Spring 2018
- School Nutrition's long-range plan of action, includes:
 - Rebuild School Nutrition food service staff (*high priority*)
 - Reassess kitchen equipment needs (*major fiscal impact*)
 - Reduce number of Pre-Pack meal sites as staff and equipment needs are met



Thank you!

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