

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 25, SECTION 9-25.2 ENTITLED "SCHOOL MEALS; GOALS OF THE DIVISION; PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND OTHERS; ALTERNATE NUTRITION-RELATED PROGRAMS; UNFLAVORED WATER MADE AVAILABLE" OF THE POLICIES OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD - SECOND READING

BE IT ORDAINED, by the School Board of the City of Suffolk, Virginia that Chapter 9, Article 25, Section 9-25.2 entitled "School Meals; goals of the division; participation in the National School Lunch Program and others; alternate nutrition-related programs; unflavored water made available" of the Policies of the Suffolk City School Board, be, and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Section 9-25.2. School Meals; goals of the division; participation in the National School Lunch Program and others; alternate nutrition-related programs; unflavored water made available. — A. Suffolk Public Schools is committed to serving healthy meals to children that meet the nutritional requirements in accordance with all USDA standards along with prescribed nutrient levels, calorie requirements for ages/grade levels served, as specified in 7 CFR 210.10 or 220 as applicable.

B. The goals of the school division's school meal programs are to improve the diet and health of school children, to help mitigate childhood obesity, to model healthy eating habits, to support the development of lifelong healthy eating patterns, and to support healthy choices while also accommodating cultural food preferences and special dietary needs. Meals should also be appealing and attractive and every effort is made to serve in a clean and pleasant environment. All Suffolk schools have closed campuses and students should remain at school during their meal period.

C. All schools within the school division participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). In addition, the school division participates in the ~~Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP)~~ for schools that apply and qualify for this program, and the ~~Seamless Summer Feeding Program~~ Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

D. In addition, the school division operates other nutrition-related programs and activities including alternative breakfast models. Further, individual schools may sponsor promotions or special events, such as food tastings, that highlight nutritious foods.

E. Water is recognized as an essential nutrient. To encourage and further support water consumption free, safe, unflavored drinking water will be available to all students on every school campus and high traffic areas before, during, and after the school day. All water sources and containers will be maintained on a regular basis to ensure good hygiene standards. The school division will make drinking water available where school meals are served during mealtimes by providing cups upon request and by permitting students to go to drinking fountains. In addition, students will be allowed to bring and carry water bottles filled with only water with them throughout the day. Teachers and Staff are encouraged to role model health drinking behaviors.

Legal Authority - 42 U.S.C. § 1758b.; 7 C.F.R. 210.31; Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-207.4; 8 VAC 20-740-30; 8 VAC 20-740-40.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, subsections, sections and chapters of the School Board's Policy Manual not amended or repealed shall remain in full force and effect.

FIRST READING: August 15, 2024

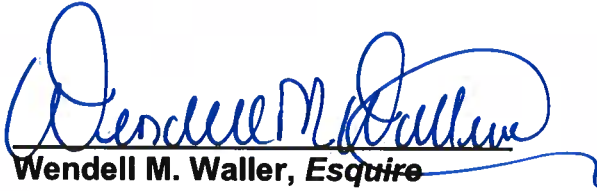
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