

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5-5.2 ENTITLED "ADEQUATE NUTRITION PROGRAM REQUIRED; FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS; AFTER SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM; DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO OFFSET ANY MEAL DEBT; AMENDMENTS TO POLICY" OF THE POLICIES OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD - FIRST READING AND ADOPTION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the School Board of the City of Suffolk, Virginia that Chapter 5, Article 5, Section 5-5.2 entitled "Adequate nutrition program required; free breakfast and lunch programs; after school meal program; donations accepted to offset any meal debt; amendments to policy" of the Policies of the Suffolk City School Board, be, and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Section 5-5.2. Adequate nutrition program required; free breakfast and lunch programs; after school meal program; donations accepted to offset any meal debt; amendments to policy. — A. An adequate nutrition program is essential to a child's growth and development and influences a child's achievement in school. With this in mind, the School Board is of the opinion that every school age child should have an adequate lunch, and that the School Board should serve free breakfasts and lunches to all children. Free breakfast and lunches will be provided under the Community Eligibility Provision.

B. ~~The School Board will enter into an annual agreement with the State Department of Education for the operation of the school breakfast and lunch program, which obligates Suffolk Public Schools to observe the standards and minimum operating requirements established under the National School Lunch Act. Suffolk Public Schools provides free breakfasts and lunches to students according to the terms of the National School Lunch Program, the National School Breakfast Program, the Summer Food Service Program, and the Child and Adult Care Feeding Program. The School Board requires each public elementary and secondary school in the local school division to participate in the federal National School Lunch Program and the federal School Breakfast Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and to make lunch and breakfast available pursuant to such programs to any student who requests such a meal, regardless of whether such student has the money to pay for the meal or owes money for meals previously provided, unless the student's parent has provided written permission to the school board to withhold such a meal from the student.~~

C. In accordance with federal law and the revised regulations of the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts, the School Board will carry out all statutory requirements and accepts responsibility for providing free meals to children in the schools. All students are provided nutritionally acceptable meals if state and federal resources for school food programs are available. The superintendent or superintendent's designee establishes regulations or procedures as needed to implement this policy.

D. C. If any school in the division has a student population that qualifies for free and reduced-price meals at a minimum percentage of 50 percent in the prior school year and simultaneously offers educational or enrichment activities, the School Board applies to the Virginia Department of Education for such school to participate in the Afterschool Meal Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition (FNS) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to subsequently and simultaneously serve federally reimbursable meals and offer an afterschool education or enrichment program pursuant to FNS guidelines and state health and safety standards.

E. D The School Board may solicit and receive any donation or other funds for the purpose of eliminating or offsetting any school meal debt at any time and will use any such funds solely for such purpose.

F. E. Any amendments or changes to this policy will be submitted to the State School Lunch Office for approval prior to it taking effect in Suffolk Public Schools. When changes occur during the school year, parents and the news media will be notified. (Adopted August 10, 1995; Revised November 9, 2017; Ordinance Number 17/18-14; Effective Date: November 9, 2017; Ordinance Number 19/20-26; Revised/Effective Date: November 14, 2019; Ordinance 20/21-25; Revised/Effective: May 13, 2021; Ordinance 22/23-88, Revised/Effective: June 8, 2023; Ordinance 23/24-32, Revised/Effective: December 14, 2023)

Legal Authority - Virginia Code §§ 22.1-79.7, 22.1-207.2:2, 22.1-207.3, 22.1-207.4, and 63.2-1509 (1950), as amended.

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.

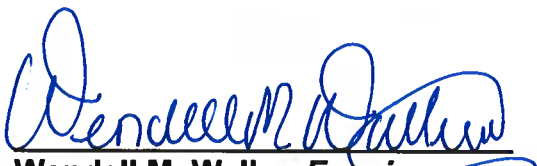
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