

Discontinuance of SNS Meal Program for Summer 2020

The question has been asked if we are going to continue to provide student meals during the summer. To answer this question we need to look at the costs involved, staffing involved, facilities involved, and food /milk availability.

Costs

We are currently using 25 busses a day to deliver meals to the stops throughout our communities. Those busses are being paid for through the money we are given from the State of Alaska to transport students during the regular school year. We do not receive revenue for transportation of students or meals over the summer. At the current contract rate, we would need to pay \$15,492.65 per day for the busses currently being used. There are 57 days in the summer that meals would be delivered if there we had summer delivery. That would mean we would need to fund bussing costs of approximately \$883,081 for meal delivery. There is no revenue available to fund that cost.

Another cost issue would be that one school would lose the waiver of area eligibility currently in place, for lost reimbursement revenue during the summer of approximately \$6,270.

Staffing

We are currently using 65 staff members to prepare meals across the District. We surveyed those employees and approximately 40 of them indicated they did not want to or would not be able to work during the summer. That number far exceeds our current sub list, and we do not feel we would be able to affectively find and train enough substitutes to fill in for the need over the summer.

Facilities

Borough Maintenance is scheduled to be working in multiple school buildings over the summer that will require the building to be closed. This would complicate the ability to prepare and transport the needed meals in a number of our communities.

Food/Milk Availability

KPBSD has never provided a summer meal program in the past. Therefore, the contracts that we have in place to deliver food and milk end on May 19, 2020. Absent a contract and vendor readiness, we would have trouble acquiring enough food and milk products to deliver meals over the summer.

To summarize, it is the administrative belief that we do not have the funding, staffing, facilities or food and milk availability to provide meals over the summer. We are currently scheduled to serve meals through May 19, 2020 as we normally do.

It does not help all communities, but the Boys & Girls Club of the Kenai Peninsula will be delivering summer meals to Seward, Kenai and Nikiski.