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FOOD SERVICES

The Board of Education recognizes the midday meal as an important part of each pupil's school day. The Superintendent shall ensure a wholesome, nutritious food services program in the district and one which reinforces the concepts of nutrition education as taught in the classrooms of this district.

The Board shall provide food service facilities for the consumption of food on school premises. In accordance with Policy No. 5501, no pupil in grades K-12 will be permitted to leave the school property from the time of arrival until the close of the regular school day. The only exceptions to be recognized are those EMERGENCIES that must be certified by a parent or guardian, personally, to a proper authority.

The operation and supervision of the food services program shall be the responsibility of the Food Service Director.

The district shall participate in the Federal Child Nutrition Program.

In order to ensure that the nutritional needs of district pupils are met, the Board directs the organization of a nutritional advisory committee composed of food service personnel, teachers, parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and pupils interested in the nutritional program of the district.

The Food Service Program shall be operated on a nonprofit basis. All income derived from the sale of food and beverage items within a school/site from the operation, maintenance, or sponsorship of the food service facilities, including those items sold from vending machines, shall accrue to the School Nutrition Programs' account or to a school approved, nonprofit organization, except that during hours when the School Nutrition Programs are in operation, then all such income must accrue to the School Nutrition Programs' account. The net cash resources of the food service account may not exceed three months' operating cost. A periodic review of the food service account shall be made by the Secretary/Business Administrator. Any surplus funds shall be used to reduce the cost of the service to pupils or to purchase cafeteria equipment.

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The Superintendent shall ensure the maintenance of sanitary, neat premises, free from fire and health hazards, for the preparation and consumption of food and the safekeeping and storage of food and food equipment in strict compliance with regulations of the New Jersey State Department of Health.

This policy shall take effect beginning September 1, 2003.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42.1; 18A:33-3 et seq.; 18A:58-7.1

N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.6 et seq.

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