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Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #066-21

DATE: March 19, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Approved Alternative Breakfast Service Model Funding for School Year 2020-2021**

This is a revision and recalculation of Breakfast after the Bell funding originally communicated in Superintendent's Memo 303-20 (November 13, 2020) due to missing applications that were received timely.

The fiscal year 2021 state budget provides \$1.074 million in funding to support increasing the number of school breakfast meals served through an alternative breakfast service model, such as Breakfast after the Bell (BaB), or through an innovative traditional service model. All approved high schools and middle schools will receive \$0.10 per breakfast meal and approved elementary schools will receive \$0.05 per breakfast meal.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, local school food authorities (SFAs) transitioned from operating the National School Lunch Program to the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Therefore, SFSP breakfast meals will be the basis for reimbursement for the BaB funding in fiscal year 2021.

Attachment A lists the schools that applied for BaB funding, and their relative ranking based on the BaB funding criteria. Estimated allocated funds are based on breakfasts served from August 2018 to May 2019 with a three percent projected increase in meals served. The total funding available is \$1,074,000.

Please note the following important dates

The funds will be paid via electronic data interchange twice during the school year 2020-2021 in March 2021 and June 2021. The project code for the funds is APE40620.

- The March 2021 payment will be reimbursement for SFSP breakfast meals from August 2020 through October 2020.
- The June 2021 payment will be reimbursement for November 2020 through April 2021. Claims for reimbursement must be submitted timely in order to process the claims and comply with the spending deadline.
- The last date to submit claims for October 2020 BaB breakfast meals was December 31, 2020. Claims submitted after this date are eligible for SFSP meal reimbursement, but not for BaB reimbursement.
- The last date to submit claims for April 2021 BaB breakfast meals will be May 14, 2021. Claims submitted after this date will still be eligible for SFSP meal reimbursement, but not for BaB reimbursement.

Reporting Requirements

1. School divisions must report the number of SFSP breakfast meals served for each school as part of their monthly School Nutrition Program Web (SNPWeb) claim. All claims must be submitted in a timely manner.
2. School divisions that receive BaB funds for alternative service models will be required to evaluate the education impact of the models implemented and submit data to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) by August 31, 2021. Funded schools that do not provide data by August 31, 2021, are subject to exclusion from funding in the following year. A data collection form will be provided by the VDOE to all recipient schools and school divisions no later than May 2021 to obtain evaluative data.

For more information

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Sandy Curwood, VDOE School Nutrition Programs Director, via email at Sandra.Curwood@doe.virginia.gov or SNPPolicy@doe.virginia.gov.

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- A. Attachment: [List of Schools Approved and Not-Approved for BaB Funding](#) (XLSX)