

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

June 9, 2020

SUBJECT:

Expansion of Community Eligibility Provision

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The District currently has 19 community eligibility provision (CEP) schools. All students at those schools are eligible for breakfast and lunch at no cost. The District wishes to expand CEP by two schools during the 2020 – 2021 school year: Graniteville Elementary and Aiken Elementary. The 2018 – 2019 school year was the District’s first year of CEP participation with 16 schools. CEP expanded by three schools in 2019 – 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Per the US Department of Agriculture, CEP is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation’s highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. Instead, schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

CEP participation requires a four year “contract”; however, there is an escape clause that allows an opt-out. The deadline for 2020 – 2021 participation is June 30, 2020.

With the additions, CEP participation will benefit more than half of our schools (21), including all of the Area 4 schools and fifteen of the 21 elementary schools. Nearly 9,000 students are impacted. The District will continue to explore CEP additions in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept this report as information only

ATTACHMENT:

Listing of CEP participating schools

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2020 – 2021 Listing of CEP Schools

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5
Lever	Mossy Creek	Clearwater	Busbee	Greendale
East Aiken		Gloverville	RSM Elem.	Redcliffe
Oakwood- Windsor		Jefferson	Corbett	
North Aiken		Warrenville	RSM Middle	
Schofield		Graniteville*	WSHS	
Aiken Elem.*		LBC	RSM High	

*new CEP school for 2020 – 2021

Breakdown by Level
 15 elementary schools
 4 middle schools
 2 high schools