

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

June 21, 2011

SUBJECT:

Pilot Program – School Food Service

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Aiken has been invited to participate in a pilot program during the 2011 – 2012 school year. As part of the pilot, pre-packaged meals (entrée, vegetables, fruit, and bread) would be prepared and served to students for breakfast and lunch.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The School Food Service (SFS) department would like to participate in the pilot and recommends it be conducted at the following schools – LBC Middle, Leavelle-McCampbell Middle, Clearwater Elementary, Warrenton Elementary, Wagener-Salley High, Ridge Spring-Monetta High, Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary/Middle, Jackson Middle, and New Ellenton Middle. A taste testing was held the week of June 6, 2011 with the principals of those schools. All were willing to participate in the pilot.

Like schools that would not be participating in the pilot, meal options will be offered, only pre-packaged.

SFS estimates that staffing can be reduced by 179 labor hours per day among the nine schools. This would result in an estimated savings of \$300,000 in salaries over the course of a year. Positions accounting for the 179 labor hours would be eliminated through attrition. Beginning the implementation process now would allow SFS to shift staff as needed and avoid filling some vacant positions.

No new or specialized equipment would be required to participate in the pilot.

An individual school or the District as a whole could opt out of the pilot program with 60 days notice.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve participation in the pilot program for the 2011 – 2012 school year for the schools noted above.

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