CORDOVA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Director of Food Services Board Report
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2026-2027 GOALS FOR THE FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Explore more Grant opportunities for Food Service
Maintain audit standards.
Continue working with the new software for Child Nutrition. Refining entries.

MEAL SERVICE

2026-2027	JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	B	L	B	L	B	L	B	L	B	L	B	L
STUDENTS	7,070	2,959	2,328	2,829	1992	5,275	1,794	4,714				
ADULTS	0	275	0	19	2	49	4	54				
TOTAL	**7,070**	**2,234**	2,328	2,845	1994	5,324	1,798	4,765				
B-BREAKFAST L-LUNCH												

FOOD SERVICE

We received the grant from the Cordova Community Foundation for $1,500.00 to purchase local fish for the lunch program. CDFU also grant donated Pacific Cod to the school lunch program / CSD.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our food service department is funded with reimbursements from the USDA National School Lunch and Breakfast programs, which haven't seen any substantial increases in many years, even with rising fuel and food costs. As those funds do not cover the actual cost of food service, money from the CSD operating budget is used for the remainder.
Last year, total food service expenditures were $626,087. These expenses exceeded budgeted amounts and decreased the fund balance by $190,000.

This SY26-27, we have budgeted a total of $627,606. $412,500 of that is projected in reimbursements from the State of Alaska. The remaining money has been budgeted out of the operating budget ($175,000) along with the expectation that the remaining $65,000 fund balance will be used.



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Although a variety of cost-saving steps are being taken, including grant awards, we anticipate costs of food, especially its shipping costs, will be higher than last year. Currently, we have received the same amount of weight for purchased items as we did last year at this time, yet the cost of shipping has increased by 15%. YTD, we have spent $8,138 more in shipping costs. As a decrease in fuel prices isn't on the horizon, at this rate, our shipping costs for FY27 is estimated to be $40,000 more than last year. These estimations will be taken into consideration as we work to revise our budget during the next month.

Rough estimates from our Pizza sale after expenses, looks to be about $1,500. We were hoping for a better turn out, but it could have been too much competition.