

Methacton School District

2020-2021

Food Service Update

Background

In August 2020 when the decision was made to remain virtual for the start of school, the Business Office completed forms with the Pennsylvania Department of Education ("PDE") to provide free meals under the Seamless Summer Option. This application was initially approved through the end of December 2020. Once available the Business Office completed the forms to extend this through the end of the school year, which was approved.

The Seamless Summer Option allows a school district to provide complete meals to students at no charge to the student. The School District is then reimbursed at the payable rate determined by PDE in advance of the school year.

By providing these meals for free at the reimbursable rate there will be a shortfall in the food service account, which is being partially offset by a \$138,904 grant that the school has been approved.

Benefits

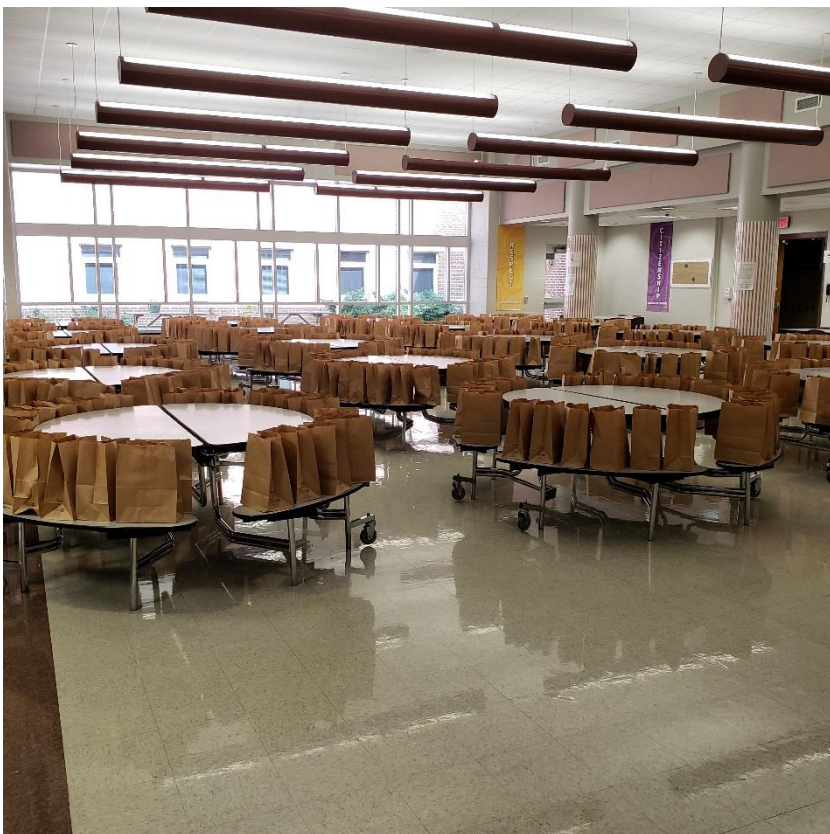
- ✓ **Allows meals to be served to families in need**
- ✓ **Allows meals to be prepackaged and limit contact that could transmit COVID-19**
- ✓ **Flexibility allows for Aramark to transition between Hybrid, Virtual and in person with limited issues**

Meals Served

Since the Seamless Summer service started, Aramark has been able to provide **59,232 meals** to **Methacton families**.

Month	Breakfast	Lunch	Total
September	2,982	3,612	6,594
October	10,650	10,650	21,300
November	4,849	5,605	10,454
December	3,989	3,989	7,978
January	5,146	7,760	12,906
Total Year to Date	27,616	31,616	59,232

Grab & Go!



Key Initiatives

ENGAGEMENT &
COMMUNITY

Results

SHARE program of "Farms to Families" was run through October for MSD.

Program has provided over 500 boxes (over 12,000 pounds) of fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and dairy products to families in the district.

Upcoming Events & Community Outreach

Reverting back to curbside distribution in November during mandated virtual instruction.

Aramark staff informed all families during nightly curbside distribution about change of timing for distribution.



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Results

Whole turkey roasts that normally were provided to senior citizen community luncheon during Thanksgiving was re-purposed to provide oven baked, sliced turkey for students!

Sliced over 300 pounds...
Made 900+ sandwiches...

Lots of pleased palates!

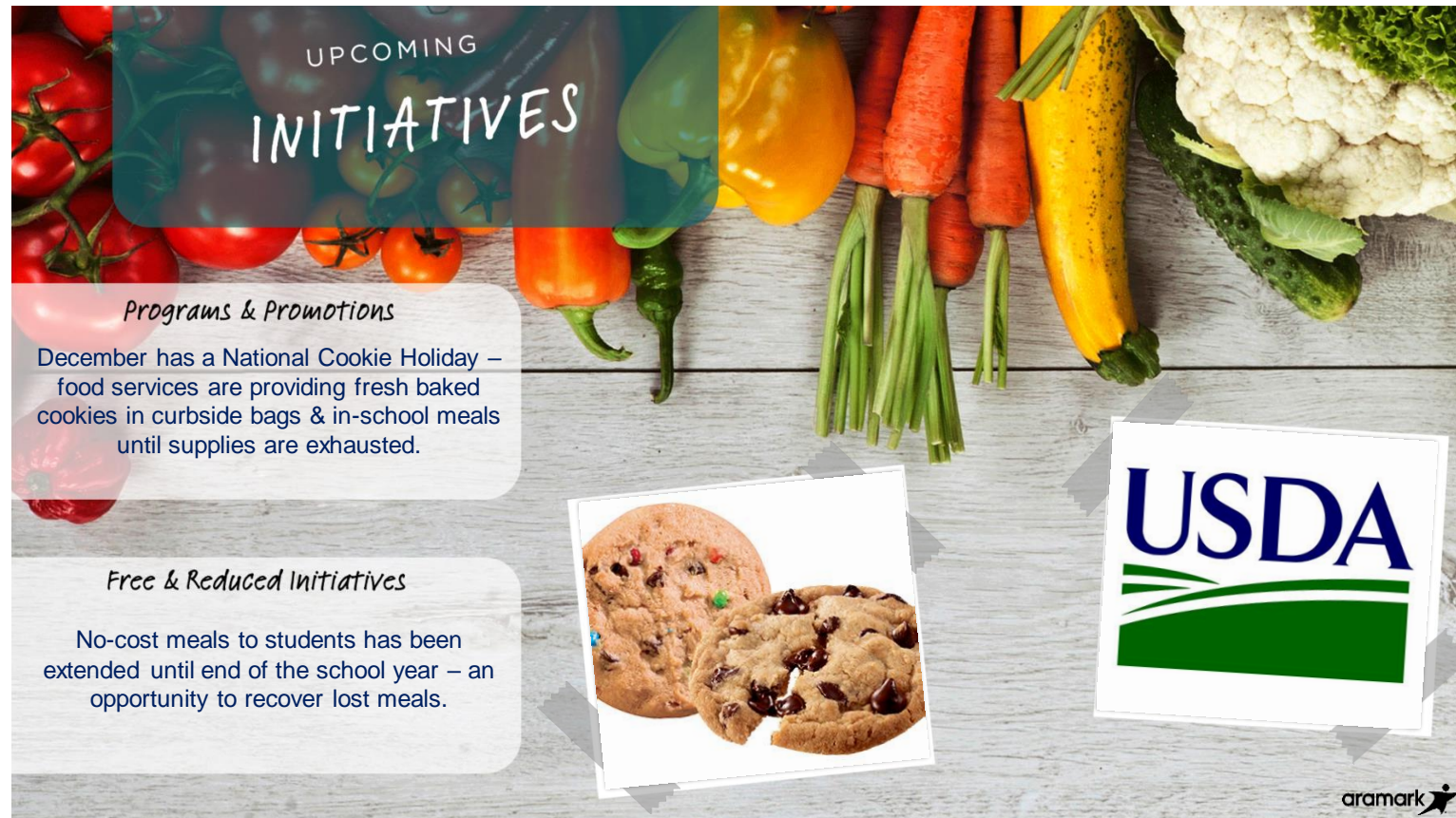
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- ✓ Aramark looking to organize a special meal during school days before December holiday break.
- ✓ Social media on the horizon, looking to help drive meal growth during curbside distribution events.

Happy Holidays

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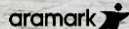

UPCOMING
INITIATIVES

Programs & Promotions

December has a National Cookie Holiday – food services are providing fresh baked cookies in curbside bags & in-school meals until supplies are exhausted.

Free & Reduced Initiatives

No-cost meals to students has been extended until end of the school year – an opportunity to recover lost meals.



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Programs & Promotions

- Utilized DOD Produce Program & USDA Commodities extensively throughout the month
- Starting 5-day curbside meal bags in January

Free & Reduced Initiatives

- Offered additional items to students in curbside distribution bags that otherwise would have been destroyed
- Pushed no-cost meal program via menus, curbside corner FAQ, Dr. Gravinese & backpack program participants



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A BIG THANKS TO ARAMARK

Aramark Manager: **Zachary Lindeman**

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
June	Faulkner	MHS	Lisa	Gambone	SV
Anne	Hudson (Pensabene)	MHS	Leighann	Harding	SV
Kathleen	Leboutillier	MHS	Patricia	Douglass	AC
Christine	Manjardi	MHS	Patricia	Fogarty	AC
Pete	Marion	MHS	Maria	Szam	AC
Victoria	Robinson	MHS	Rosanne	Terranova	AC
Cynthia	Waenke	MHS	Michele	Terranova	AH
Carol	Bickel	AC	Mary Ann	Naile	EV
Maria	Ciccarella	AC	Dolores	Angelo	WD
Bernadette	Darragh	AC	Deborah	Davis	WR