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## Charlotte Public Schools Offers Award Winning Student Nutrition



On September 12, 2016, Brian Latty, Food Service Supervisor, shared with the Charlotte Public Schools Board of Education information and points of pride of the Charlotte Public Schools Food Service Department.

Mr. Latty presented some of the new regulations and guidelines under the School Food Reauthorization. These changes include serving whole grain rich foods and meeting calorie and sodium requirements for students as part of the new school meal pattern. The emphasis is on serving more fruits and vegetables to our students. The Michigan Department of Education and USDA have changed the program review period from 5 years to a 3 year rotation. Mr. Latty said, "Our department has done very well in past reviews and the Food Service Department is getting ready for this year's review."

Besides feeding Charlotte Public Schools students breakfast and lunch every day we also send meals to - Head Start, St. Mary's, Relevant Academy, GSRP and new this year, we are providing meals to Eaton RESA's Meadowview and ECSE programs.

A few points of pride presented to the Board of Education by Mr. Latty included that the past two years the Food Service Department has also provided the Free Summer Lunch program at Washington Elementary to children 18 years or less of age. Mr. Latty reported the average lunches served to children this year was 63 lunches per day. Children enjoyed a healthy meal with daily themes, coloring table, computer tables and lots of books the kids could take home.

Additionally, under the guidance of Ms. Eileen Grant Ball, the CPS Wellness Team submitted an application to receive the Healthy Schools School Wellness Award. Washington Elementary received the state level award by highlighting the physical activity and nutrition programs for students at Washington Elementary, including their implementation of the Breakfast in the Classroom program. Washington's principal, Mr. Mark Short, and Mr. Latty accepted the award for Washington Elementary at the state capital and were recognized for outstanding dedication to policy and environmental improvements related to healthy eating and physical activity lifestyles.

Lastly, Mr. Latty credited his staff for their hard work on the Alumni dinner and district wide staff breakfast to welcome everyone back to work. The dedication, focus, and hard work they do daily, helps to provide many nutritious meals for our students. Mr. Latty shared, "Our staff members understand that if a child is hungry it makes it hard for them to perform their best in school so it is our mission to make sure all students are fed while in our care. We are proud to provide this important service to our students."