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Hi, I wondered if you wanted to include this in your staff announcements. - Katie

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Hello Elementary Secretaries,

I am hoping you can help us with a reminder to teachers. [The meal bags must be provided in full to students](#) in order for us to report as reimbursable from the state/federal grant. We must serve all of the things in the bags and in the quantities included. Students do not need to eat everything, but we do need to offer the entire bag. I realize this "hard serve" vs a student being able to choose their items is a challenge, and I am really sorry for the food waste that might result because students might receive items they don't like. This is an unfortunate reality of this method of meal service. Sigh.

Think of it like instruction, that we have to provide instruction in specified subjects and categories within subjects for a minimum amount of time in order to meet ODE requirements. While students might love reading and not math so much, or want recess and music all day everyday, we still have to offer them ALL of the subject areas for the required amount of minutes.

It is the same for food, just the subjects are replaced by food categories (grains, meat/meat alternatives, milk, and fruit and vegetables - and these with subcategories such as leafy greens or orange or red produce), and the instruction time is replaced by minimum quantities (cups, ounces, eaches). We have limits on the sodium, fat, and calories. The menus are carefully planned to offer all required components and still present an appealing meal to meet the many student preferences.

We cannot express strongly enough how much we appreciate the help and support of all school staff, including each of you. Thank you!

Please let me know if there are questions or concerns about the meals.

Holly

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