

FEEDING NORTH CAROLINA'S CHILDREN



**SCHOOL
NUTRITION
ASSOCIATION**
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Making the right food choices, together.

Legislative Timeline



- 🍏 2004-School Nutrition Association requested and received funding to pilot nutrition standards in diverse districts representing all of North Carolina
- 🍏 2005-Nutrition Standards were legislated for all elementary schools
- 🍏 2007-School Nutrition Association requested funding to implement standards
- 🍏 2008 –School Nutrition Association requested funding to implement standards
- 🍏 2009-School Nutrition Association requested state match funds to be used to eliminate the reduced price category



**This apple represents revenues generated by
Child Nutrition Programs in North Carolina.
Costs are cutting our programs away...**

Child Nutrition Programs must generate enough funds to cover the cost of **labor and benefits** for their employees. These costs add up to 45.5% of all revenue generated by the program.

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Child Nutrition Programs must generate enough funds to cover the cost of **food and supplies**. These costs add up to 43.6% of all revenue generated by the program.

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Child Nutrition Programs must generate enough funds to cover **direct costs**, such as equipment, travel, and computers. These costs add up to 6.0% of all revenue generated by the program.

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Child Nutrition Programs must generate enough funds to cover **indirect costs**, which are paid to the school district. These costs add up to 5.0% of all revenue generated by the program. This totaled over \$18 million in 2009.

5.0%

...What's left?

Addressing Challenges



- 🍏 Formation of state-wide purchasing Alliance for food purchases
- 🍏 Purchase of produce from Farm-to-School Program
- 🍏 Reconfiguration of labor –bare minimum of employees and hours required
- 🍏 Implementation of food monitoring and safety programs
- 🍏 Increase in meal prices
- 🍏 “Less” healthy food choices added back to menus including a la carte
- 🍏 Decline in number of food choices in some districts
- 🍏 Move back to more canned and frozen fruits and vegetables instead of fresh because of cost



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Program Goals



Short Term

- 🍏 Invest state match (7.2 million currently) to eliminate reduced price category resulting in an additional 5.2 million in federal funds.
- 🍏 Allow Child Nutrition Programs to achieve and sustain a three months operation balance before indirect cost can be assessed.
- 🍏 Strengthen the competitive foods regulation (115C-264) to make it consistent with State Board of Education Policy EEO-S-002.



Program Goals



Long Term

- Invest in per plate reimbursement to sustain long term viability of quality nutrition programs
- Explore the options to fund benefits and/or salaries for Child Nutrition employees.
- 🍏 Strengthen nutrition education curriculum requirement in standard course of study.



Questions



We thank you for this opportunity on behalf of our children!

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