



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: December 21, 2018

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: **Payment of the Approved Alternative Breakfast Service Models for 2018-2019**

The fiscal year 2019 state budget provides \$1.074 million in funding to support increasing the number of school breakfast meals served through an alternative breakfast service model, such as Breakfast after the Bell (BaB), or through a traditional service model. In September 2018, school divisions were notified of the sites approved to receive BaB funding. All approved high school and middle schools will receive \$0.10 per breakfast and approved elementary schools will receive \$0.05 per breakfast meal.

The funds will be paid via Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) on a monthly recurring basis through June 30, 2018. Payments will begin on January 16, 2019. The project code for the funds is APE40620.

Reporting Requirements:

1. School divisions must report the number of breakfast meals served for each school as part of their monthly School Nutrition Program (SNP) Web claim. All claims must be submitted in a timely manner.
2. School divisions that receive BaB funds for alternative service models will be required to evaluate the education impact of the models implemented and submit data to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) by August 31, 2019. Funded schools that do not provide data by August 31, 2019, are subject to exclusion from funding in the following year. A data collection form will be provided by VDOE to all recipient schools and school divisions no later than February 2019 to obtain data from previous school years and then again in May 2019 to obtain data from the current school year.
3. Detailed school level data to be submitted to VDOE will include:
 - a. Student attendance and tardy arrivals,
 - b. Office discipline referrals,

- c. Teachers' and administrators' responses on the impact of the alternative service models, and
- d. The financial impact of the alternative breakfast models on the division's school nutrition program.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Denise Branscome, Policy & Research Specialist at (804) 225-2330 or email at SNPPolicy@doe.virginia.gov.

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