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Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #031-22

DATE: February 11, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Approved Alternative Breakfast Service Model Funding for 2021-2022**

The fiscal year 2022 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 an innovative traditional service model. All approved high schools and middle schools will receive \$0.10 per breakfast meal and approved elementary schools will receive \$0.05 per breakfast meal.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, most school food authorities (SFAs) transitioned from operating the School Breakfast Program (SBP) to the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). SBP, SSO, and/or SFSP breakfast meals will be the basis for reimbursement for the BaB funding in fiscal year 2022.

Please note the following important dates:

The funds will be paid via electronic data interchange (EDI) twice during the school year (SY) 2021-2022 in February and June 2022. The project code for the funds is **APE40620**.

- The February 2022 payment will be reimbursement for SBP, SSO, or SFSP breakfast meals from August-November 2021.

- The June 2022 payment will be reimbursement for December 2021-April 2022. Claims for reimbursement must be submitted in a timely manner in order to process the claims and comply with the spending deadline.
- The last date to submit claims for April 2022 BaB breakfast meals will be May 13, 2022. Claims submitted after this date will still be eligible for meal reimbursement, but not for BaB reimbursement.

Reporting Requirements:

1. School divisions must report the number of SBP, SSO, or SFSP 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. Beginning in April 2022:
 - a. Principals, teachers, and school nutrition program managers at participating schools in each division will be asked to complete a brief, anonymous feedback survey on the alternative breakfast service model(s) available at their school.
 - b. The VDOE will schedule interviews with select school nutrition directors to collect information on the fiscal impact of the alternative breakfast service program in their division.

Please note: Participation in the surveys and interviews is required in order to meet annual evaluation and reporting requirements in the state Appropriation Act. Funded schools that do not participate are subject to exclusion the following year.

For more information

For more information, please contact your assigned regional SNP specialist.

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- A. Attachment: [List of Schools Approved and Not Approved for Breakfast after the Bell Funding](#) (XLSX)