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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #160-21**

DATE: June 11, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Approved Alternative Breakfast Service Model Funding for School Year
2020-2021**

This is a revision and recalculation of Breakfast after the Bell (BaB) funding, originally communicated in Superintendent's Memo 303-20 (November 13, 2020) and Superintendent's Memo 066-21 (March 19, 2021), due to missing applications that were received timely, as well as a distribution of remaining funds.

On Friday, June 11, 2021, BaB funding was disbursed to eligible school food authorities (SFAs). The fiscal year 2021 state budget provides \$1.074 million to support the increase of school breakfast meals served through an alternative breakfast service model, such as BaB, or through an innovative traditional service model. Approved high schools and middle schools received \$0.10 per breakfast meal and approved elementary schools received \$0.05 per breakfast meal.

Due to COVID-19, local SFAs transitioned from operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO). SFSP or SSO breakfast meals served from August 2020-April 2021 were the basis for BaB reimbursement in fiscal year 2021.

During the initial funding round, it was determined that several SFAs were not included, although their applications were received timely. Schools that would have qualified for reimbursement based on the eligibility criteria are included in this disbursement of funds. For

the June 2021 disbursement, all Tier 1 and Tier 2 schools were funded, as well as several Tier 3 schools.

Reporting Requirements

School divisions that receive BaB funds for alternative service models will be required to evaluate the educational impact of the models implemented and submit data to the Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Nutrition Programs (VDOE-SNP) by August 31, 2021. Funded schools that do not provide data by August 31, 2021, are subject to exclusion from funding the following year. A data collection form will be provided by the VDOE-SNP to all recipient schools and school divisions to obtain evaluative data.

For more information

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Sandy Curwood, VDOE-SNP Director, via email at Sandra.Curwood@doe.virginia.gov or the SNP Policy mailbox at SNPPolicy@doe.virginia.gov.

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- A. Attachment: [List of Schools Approved and Not-Approved for BaB Funding - REVISED](#)
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