WAKULLA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FOOD SERVICE FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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Executive Summary

Performance Overview

Due to the district's current Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) status, the Food Service Department's net position decreased from $975,965.84 to an estimated fund balance of $487,570. Despite this reduction, the department experienced increased participation in both breakfast and lunch programs (17784 more breakfast and 58436 more lunch) during the 2025–2026 school year.

The department-maintained compliance with all state and federal regulations, successfully completed required program reviews, and invested in equipment upgrades to improve operational efficiency. These efforts have strengthened program operations while continuing to provide nutritious meals and quality service to students throughout the district.

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Food Service Fund Balance

School Year 2025/2026

Beginning Fund Balance	**$975,966**

Revenues as of April 20, 2026	
Food Service Sales	$2,076,798
Interest	$25,761
Total Revenue	$2,235,100

Expenses	
Sodexo Payments	$2,031,215
Labor Credit on Sodexo Invoice	$250,912
Supplies	$317,735
Services	$123,634
Total Operating Expenses	$2,723,496
Difference as of May 1, 2026	**($488,396)**

Ending Fund Balance (Estimate as of May 1, 2026)	**$487,570**



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CEP OVERVIEW

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a federal meal service option that allows eligible schools and districts to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students, regardless of household income, without collecting individual free and reduced-price meal applications.

How CEP Works

Eligibility is based on the percentage of students who are directly certified for free meals through programs such as:

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Foster care
- Homeless, migrant, and runaway programs

Schools that qualify can elect CEP for a four-year cycle, with the option to extend if eligibility requirements continue to be met.

Funding Under CEP

The federal government reimburses meals using a formula based on the school's Identified Student Percentage (ISP).

- A portion of meals is reimbursed at the federal free meal rate, while the remaining meals are reimbursed at a lower paid meal rate.
- Because all students receive meals at no charge, districts no longer collect meal payments from families.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Update

The 2025–2026 school year was the first year of the district's current four-year Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) cycle. The reimbursement rates for this cycle were established using the district's Identified Student Percentage (ISP) and resulted in meal reimbursement percentages of **69.7% at the free rate and 30.3% at the paid rate. The district currently has three more years that we could use these rates.**

Under CEP, districts are required to review their directly certified student data annually as of April 1. While the reimbursement percentages remain fixed for the current CEP cycle, the April 1, 2026, data showed a significant decline in the district's directly certified student population. Based on this updated data, the district's reimbursement percentages would be **56.3% at the free rate and 43.7% at the paid rate if a new CEP cycle were established using the current figures.**

Based on the April 1, 2026, direct certification data, the district evaluated several Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) grouping scenarios. Through the grouping of schools, there are three potential CEP options for the upcoming school year:



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CEP Option 1

All Schools

Beginning Fund Balance (Estimated)	**$487,570**

Revenue Projections	
Food Service Sales	$2,268,016
Labor Credit on Sodexo Invoice	$300,000
Commodity Credit	$150,000
Interest	$10,000
Total Revenue	$2,578,016

Expenses	
Sodexo Payments	$2,639,146
Supplies	$50,000
Services	$242,500
Total Operating Expenses	$2,931,646
Estimated Net Loss	**($353,630)**

Estimated Ending Fund Balance for SY 26/27	**$133,940**



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CEP Option 2

All Elementary Schools and WI

Beginning Fund Balance (Estimated)	**$487,570**

Revenue Projections	
Food Service Sales	$1,998,087
Labor Credit on Sodexo Invoice	$300,000
Commodity Credit	$150,000
Interest	$10,000
Total Revenue	$2,458,087
Expenses	
Sodexo Payments	$2,273,008
Supplies	$50,000
Services	$242,500
Total Operating Expenses	$2,565,508,
Estimated Net Loss	**($107,421)**

Estimated Ending Fund Balance for SY 26/27	**$380,149**



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CEP Option 3

Crawfordville, Medart, WI

Beginning Fund Balance (Estimated)	**$487,570**

Revenue Projections	
Food Service Sales	$2,107,456
Labor Credit on Sodexo Invoice	$300,000
Commodity Credit	$150,000
Interest	$10,000
Total Revenue	$2,567,456

Expenses	
Sodexo Payments	$2,112,231
Supplies	$50,000
Services	$242,500
Total Operating Expenses	$2,404,731
Estimated Net Income	**$162,725**

Estimated Ending Fund Balance for SY 26/27	**$650,295**