



RESOLUTION 2012/13-13

Board of Education
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NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

October 15 – 19, 2012

Over the past several decades, childhood obesity has become a serious public health issue that puts millions of children at risk for diabetes, heart disease, cancer and other health problems during their lifetime. September was proclaimed National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month by President Barack Obama to call attention to this dilemma. Here in New Mexico the rate of overweight and obese children is also reported by the Department of Health to be on the rise. This highlights the important role that the Student Nutrition Programs available to the students of Santa Fe Public Schools can play in promoting better nutrition and helping students learn to eat healthy meals.

WHEREAS earlier this year the Healthy, Hunger-free Kids Act was implemented to ensure even higher nutritional standards are being met in the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs; and

WHEREAS the National School Lunch Program has served our nation admirably for over 60 years through advanced practices and nutrition education; and

WHEREAS the National School Lunch Program is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation's children; and

WHEREAS the National School Lunch Program has been joined through the years by many other excellent child feeding programs such as Breakfast, Afterschool Snacks; and there is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Santa Fe Public Schools Board of Education hereby proclaims the week of October 15-19, 2012 as NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK and encourages all residents to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutrition habits, in hopes of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future. Furthermore, the Board recognizes the important work done by the Santa Fe Public Schools Student Nutrition Department's 107 full-time and part-time employees preparing and serving 3800 breakfasts, 8750 lunches, and 800 afterschool snacks to Santa Fe Public Schools students daily. A variety of foods are offered in order to expose students to new items and healthier fare as part of the student nutrition program; and so that the school cafeteria may serve as a learning laboratory for lifelong healthy eating habits.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADOPTED this 2nd day of October, 2012

Signature of Frank Montano
Frank Montano
Board of Education President
Santa Fe Public Schools

Attested by:
Signature of Barbara Gudwin
Barbara Gudwin
Board of Education Secretary
Santa Fe Public Schools