



Analysis of Suggestions for Improvement as part of the FY 2010 County's Line of Business & Schools Program Review Processes Fall 2008

Request By: Public

Suggestion: Eliminate the free breakfast program in high schools.

Response By: Fairfax County Public Schools

Recommendation:

Fairfax County Public Schools offers breakfast under the National School Breakfast and Lunch program, which is governed under federal, state, and local policies and regulations. Students who are eligible and have been approved, based on family income, for free or reduced meals can use their benefit during the breakfast program, which is entirely federally funded. Students who are not eligible for free or reduced meals pay the full breakfast meal price, currently \$1.50 for all students.

The National School Breakfast program provides a necessary service for many students who would otherwise not be able to obtain a nutritious breakfast. Studies have shown that students who eat breakfast are more alert in class, achieve higher academic performance, maintain better health, and exhibit better behavior in school. Eliminating this federally funded program would adversely impact student academic performance.