

Danger Zone

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Soon, a big decision concerning our students will be finalized. No discussion will be heard and no vote will be called. Our board will keep their hands clean on this matter. They don't want to seem as if they micro or otherwise managing 1 Franklin Street. Hampton will NOT file the application – once again – to fully participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program. With economically disadvantaged children reported in the 60 percentile, the failure to participate in this program is suspicious. Part of what I believe is the reimbursement generated by our children's **Food and Nutrition Service Fund**. While I always thought that *reimbursement* meant you got repaid for the amount of money spent – a non-profit adventurer – apparently this food fund can be a windfall gain. With more than \$5 million left over at the end of the last two school years. Definitely makes one wonder why Hampton school board continuously talks about elimination cafeteria monitors and possibly having teacher pick-up the slack. Those 52 part-time (counted as 26 full-time) cafeteria monitors are costing the district \$250,000. A measly fee to keep teachers happy and students helped with opening their milk and encouraged to eat their meal, but it does cut into the profit of this non-profit fund.

Cafeteria Monitor	26.00	0.00	(26.00)
Total	26.00	0.00	(26.00)

Cafeteria monitors were moved from the operating fund to fund 51 in FY15.

COST CENTER	FY13 Actuals	FY14 Budget	FY15 Budget
ELEMENTARY	148,946	183,058	-
MIDDLE	53,760	67,613	-
GRAND TOTAL - SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE	202,706	250,671	-

**School Board's
Approved 2015 Budget**

Hampton school board in FY14, planned to spend \$1,200,000 on Capital Outlay in our schools cafeterias. What they must have seen or heard during inspections of our schools. Our board wouldn't budget for equipment in our children's lunchrooms wastefully.

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES BUDGET (FUND 51) BUDGET SUMMARY 2012-2014					
ESTIMATED REVENUES	FY12 Actuals	FY13 Budget	FY14 Budget	CHANGE (\$)	CHANGE (%)
State Funds	\$ 180,212	\$ 128,000	\$ 128,000	\$ -	0.00%
Federal Funds	6,266,618	6,466,030	6,864,116	398,086	6.16%
Other Funds	67,593	153,550	16,558	(136,992)	-89.22%
Cash Receipts (Sales)	2,937,319	2,818,794	2,892,525	73,731	2.62%
Donated Commodities (USDA)	540,451	480,000	480,000	-	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,992,193	\$10,046,374	\$10,381,199	\$334,825	3.33%
EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS					
Salaries	\$2,860,304	\$2,885,458	\$3,051,110	\$ 165,652	5.74%
Food Costs - Purchased	4,012,960	4,368,000	4,800,000	432,000	9.89%
Donated Commodities	572,247	480,000	480,000	-	0.00%
Supplies	386,489	586,000	586,000	-	0.00%
Purchased Services	90,608	200,000	200,000	-	0.00%
Employee Benefits	596,453	643,360	729,612	86,252	13.41%
Capital Outlay	312,455	766,347	1,200,000	433,653	56.59%
Other Expenses	54,517	50,000	50,000	-	0.00%
Indirect Cost	280,000	500,000	500,000	-	0.00%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$9,146,033	\$10,479,165	\$11,596,722	\$1,117,557	10.66%
Excess Revenues over Expenditures	\$846,160	(\$432,791)	(\$1,215,523)		
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	4,430,899	5,277,059	4,844,268		
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$5,277,059	\$4,844,268	\$3,628,745		

**School Board's
Approved 2014 Budget**

Apparently they would. Hampton City Schools spent 77% less than what was budgeted. Is this mismanagement of our children's Food and Nutrition Service Fund by delaying necessary purchases for which the funds exist?

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		SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES
Materials and Supplies:		
6000	Materials and Supplies	395,156.02
6002	Food Supplies	5,058,358.76
Capital Outlay:		
8100	Capital Outlay Replacement	206,353.54
8200	Capital Outlay Additions	72,630.60
Other Uses of Funds:		
9000	Other Uses of Funds	
Page Total:		10,096,449.71

**Hampton City Schools
2014 Annual School Finance Report**

A student was complaining that at their school the cold food was hot and the hot food was cold.

Hampton City Schools are inspected twice a year: once in the fall and once again between winter and spring. They have a decreased inspection frequency since they do not cook any raw animal foods (all food are commercially prepared or ready to eat) and our schools demonstrate active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors. The Virginia Food Regulations are based on the Model FDA Food Code and identifies inspection frequencies based on the assigned risk categories. The risk categories are determined by the types of foods prepared, the process of preparation, and the historical documentation of observed out of compliance risk factors for food borne illness.

The Virginia Food Regulations allow foods to be held above 41°F and below 135* (i.e. the temperature danger zone) a period of no more than 4 hours provided they have a written policy and track the amount of time the food is held in the temperature danger zone for no more than 4 hours.

Hampton Health Department

That makes since. Food at our children's schools can remain in the "danger zone" for up to 4 hours. What does the consumer think of this – http://www.hamptonchoolfacts.com/uploads/17_February_2016_School_Board_Meeting.pdf.

Something had to give to save energy. Our cafeteria serving lines must be a prime target. Cenergistic - http://www.hamptonchoolfacts.com/uploads/PTA_Candidate_Forum_-_1_April_2016.pdf.

The excuse that it will cost the district if Hampton were to fully participate in CEP has been repeated often. If we look at a school district that fully participates for comparison maybe we can understand this fear that Hampton has.

I pick Richmond City. This is plain and simple. Richmond's Food Service Fund balance at the end of the FY15 increased rather than decrease. To be exact, Richmond reported saving an additional \$1,112,754.24 to carryover.

Hampton has also blamed parents for not turning in the proper forms so the district can participate fully in CEP. There are no forms for parents to turn in.

"Identified Students are defined as students certified for free meals through means other than individual household applications; this primarily includes students who are directly certified for free meals on the basis of their participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); homeless students, runaways, migrant youth, Head Start, Even Start and foster children approved by means other than meal application. The number of identified students is NOT the same as the total number of students eligible for free and reduced priced meals. Identified students are only those students eligible for free meals based on the list above.

Students who are categorically eligible based on information, such as a case number, submitted through a free and reduced price application are NOT included.”

**VDOE
CEP application**

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HCS students learn the importance of a healthy breakfast everyday

Hampton City School students learned the importance of a healthy breakfast everyday during National School Breakfast Week. This event took place March 7 - 11. Contests were held each day of the week to encourage students to "Wake Up to a Nutritious Breakfast."

At Phenix PreK- 8 School, students were provided tickets each morning that entered their names into a drawing to win a new bike. Robin Hunt-Crenshaw, principal, pulled two lucky, winning names. Keagan Ocheltree, a second grader, and Allonini Lopez, a third grader, were both recipients of new bikes.

Students had fun while learning about the benefits of a nutritious meal.

Hampton City Schools website

<http://www.hampton.k12.va.us/news/2016March/breakfast.html>

This should ensure a more favorable review of the food by consumers.