

To: Board of Education, School District of Bayfield

From: Randi Johnson

Date: July 1, 2014

RE: July Finance Manager Report

2015 WRS Contribution Rates Decrease

At its June 26, 2014 meeting, the Employee Trust Funds Board approved Wisconsin Retirement System Contribution rates for 2015. This will mean a decrease in our total contribution rate of 0.4%. This could mean a cost savings to the District of over \$8,000.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Application Filed

CEP allows participating high-poverty schools to offer healthy free lunches and breakfast to all students without requiring their families to complete individual applications. CEP is a powerful tool to ensure children in low income communities have access to healthy meals at school. Once eligibility and claiming percentages are established under CEP, they are guaranteed for four school years.

To participate, schools are required to have an identified student percentage of at least 40 percent based on data as of April 1st of the prior school year. Our District has a percentage of 63.73% (see below) which means we are potentially eligible for 100% of the Federal Free Reimbursement Rate for each breakfast and lunch served.

II. COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY					
Participating Sites		Identified Students		Reimbursement	
School Name <i>List each school site individually, even if grouping with other schools</i>	School/ Group No.	Total No. of Identified Students	Total Enrollment <i>Only include students who have access to at least one meal per day</i>	Identified Student Percentage	Federal FREE Reimbursement Rate
Bayfield Elementary School	1	112	160		
Bayfield Middle School	1	63	101		
Bayfield High School	1	66	117		
LaPointe Elementary School	1	5	8	63.73%	100.00%

Currently, ten States and the District of Columbia participate in CEP. Initial evaluations demonstrate that participating schools have increased participation in their lunch and breakfast programs, and experienced revenue gains and decreased administrative costs. Based on student lunches served for the 2013-2014 school year of 46,796 the District would be reimbursed \$138,048.20 compared to \$97,800.30 the District was reimbursed.