School Meals in a Hybrid Learning Environment

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Current Reopen Plan for Remainder of Year

- Career/Technology: All In Person
- Secondary: All In Person
- Elementary: All In Person
- Pre-K and Kindergarten: All In Person
- Special Needs: All In Person

All In Person: Green
Hybrid: Orange
Planned Meal Service Models

- Curbside Pick-Up
- In-Classroom Meal Service
- Grab and Go Kiosks in Hallways
- Cafeteria Service
- Pick-Up Inside the Building
- Mobile Meals
- Community Sites

Planned Meal Service Models
Operational Challenges

- Staff shortage: 12
- Space to socially distance: 7
- Food product limitations: 4
- Infrastructure limitations: 6
- PPE: 2
- No challenges anticipated: 2
Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

- HR 133 stimulus passed in late December 2020
- Includes agencies and schools that participate in
  - NSLP/SBP
  - CACFP
- Formula based on
  - Reimbursement received in 2019
  - Reimbursement received during the pandemic
- Address revenue shortfalls due to
  - Fewer reimbursable meals
  - Suspended a la carte sales
  - Increased spending on service equipment to meet mobile demand
  - Increased spending on PPE
Thank you

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