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Surry County Schools Receives COVID-19 Supplemental Funds and Pays Frontline Employees

Dobson, NC -- COVID-19 is a constantly evolving situation for local communities, the state of North Carolina and the nation. As a result, the Surry County Board of Education is being responsive to the needs of our school system, and the needs of students. The Surry County Board of Education and Superintendent, Dr. Travis L. Reeves are evaluating the day-to-day needs given this rapidly evolving pandemic.

Consequently, to ensure Surry County Schools maintains its mission to 1. Care for and feed our students and 2. Continue instruction for students, Surry County Schools will utilize COVID-19 Supplemental Funds allotted to increase pay for school nutrition employees on the front line of the coronavirus pandemic by paying those employees time and one-half for hours worked effective April 1 to April 30, 2020. Employees that prepare, distribute and deliver meals received the news today via a video message from Superintendent Reeves. These meals have not only met a physical need for students but have also been a constant in uncertain times. Many parents and students alike have commented on how reassuring it has been to receive school meals, something that is a tangible reminder of school.

"There is nothing we can do to truly pay our frontline workers for what they are doing, which is meeting the challenge in extremely difficult times," shared Superintendent Reeves. "These dedicated employees are providing essential support for our students to learn, to be sustained, and to be nourished through the FREE grab 'n go meal service they are providing at fourteen school sites, and delivered to homes and community stops using yellow school buses. Since March 16, our School Nutrition staff have prepared and served 76,590 meals. The Surry County Board of Education and I are so appreciative of all of the hard work and effort, the flexibility, and the willingness to overcome the many obstacles that have come our way. We truly value everything being done to support our students in this unprecedented time. Together we are stronger and these employees are true #ncschoolheroes."