SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS

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Overview of Department:

1) The Spring Grove Area School District Nutrition Department continues to focus on providing students with nutritious, accessible, and appealing meal options while maintaining efficient kitchen operations across the district. The department has made progress in expanding student food options, improving kitchen equipment, and evaluating operational needs. Moving forward, priorities include addressing staffing challenges, modernizing equipment, improving point-of-sale operations, and evaluating kitchen space and production needs.

Key Accomplishments:

1) IAC Rocket Fuel Café increased sales last year
    a. This year they are trying new Smart snack recipes with the students to sell (ex: homemade muffins, parfaits, etc.)
2) New equipment—new reach in fridges for SGI, new kettle for MS—to help better assist with meal productions

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Current Projects / Initiatives:

1) Looking into new POS system
2) Reviewing Staffing and meal production in each kitchen to determine if adjustments need to be made

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Impact on Students, Staff or Community:

1) Staffing challenges – slower lines for students, meals may have to be changed to easier meals due to staffing issues
2) Substitutes are minimal – not receiving applications

Challenges / Barriers:

1) Staffing challenges
2) Equipment issues/repairs needed in some buildings
3) Spacing in SGI needs evaluation

Supports Suggested / Requested for Consideration:

1) Implementing new POS system sometime this SY 26-27
2) Evaluating current staffing in buildings along with the meals be produced to see if adjustments need to be made
3) Evaluating equipment in all buildings to see about replacements vs repairs if needed due to outdated equipment

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Looking Ahead:

1) Staffing adjustments
2) SGI needs remodeled due to not having enough space currently

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Additional Comments

1) All schools still maintaining the free breakfasts that are available under the SBP