## West Virginia Department of Education Pandemic and Summer Feeding Update July 23, 2020

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) received more than **\$36 million in CARES Act** funding to be used for the period between March and September, 2020. This funding was sent directly to the WVDE from the USDA specifically for meal claims reimbursement to counties.

As of July, the WVDE has spent more than \$40.5 million in meal reimbursements.

**11.562.577** meals were served during the COVID-19 school closure.

Approximately **6.6 million meals** will be served through the Summer Food Service Program through 353 feeding sites.

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In June 2020 alone, the WVDE reimbursed **Summer Sponsors \$7.8 million** in federal reimbursement money. This in comparison to \$1.75 million in federal reimbursement for the entirety of the 2019 Summer Food Service Program.

**230,000 students** qualified to receive the Pandemic electronic benefits transfer (P-EBT) program benefit. That's \$72 million for West Virginia families to use for groceries.

Estimated **\$113 million** in total federal dollars to West Virginia for child nutrition, March 13 - September 1, 2020.

