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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Mulberry Grove CUSD #1, South Fork SD #14, Ramsey CUSD #204, and Vandalia CUSD #203

Summer Food Service Program Opt-Out Hearing Tuesday, February 23, 2021 9:00 AM ROE #3 Professional Development Center 1500 Jefferson St., Vandalia, IL 62471

Regional Superintendent Julie Wollerman will hold a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 9:00 AM for the purpose of taking testimony regarding Mulberry Grove CUSD #1, South Fork SD #14, Ramsey CUSD #204, and Vandalia CUSD #203 proposals to opt-out of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

SFSP is mandated by PA 096-0734 and requires a school district where at least 50% of the students are eligible for free or reduced-priced school meals and have a summer school program to provide meals at summer school. A school district shall be allowed to opt out of the summer food service program requirement if it is determined that, due to circumstances specific to that school district, the expense reimbursement would not fully cover the costs of implementing and operating a summer food service program.

Regional Superintendent Julie Wollerman will hear testimony from the school districts and interested community members. The Regional Superintendent shall, by March 1, inform the school district of her decision, along with the reasons why the exemption was granted or denied, in writing. If the regional superintendent grants an exemption to the school district, then the school district is relieved from the requirement to establish and implement a summer food service program.

If you wish to attend and/or present testimony at the hearing, please contact Regional Superintendent Wollerman for a link to the virtual hearing.