New Business

**Department:** Budget

**Presenter(s):** Jennifer Barnette, Budget

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**Subject:** Funding for Buncombe County and Asheville City Schools Meal Services

**Brief Summary:**
Buncombe County and Asheville City schools are providing breakfast and lunch meals via drive through locations or delivery Monday through Friday while additionally distributing weekend meals on Fridays during lunch times for children 2-18 years of age.

Schools are providing this valuable and necessary service while students are learning remotely and the facilities are closed to students during the COVID-19 crisis.

Buncombe County and Asheville City school nutrition staff, bus drivers, teacher assistants and many other education staff are working to ensure that approximately 12,000 meals are provided daily.

In an effort to maintain the meal sites and delivery through the timeframe of the education systems previously scheduled Spring Break term, the schools are requesting financial support to be able to cover a portion of the unbudgeted/unexpected salaries of personnel to maintain the continuity of this valuable service for the week of April 06-10,2020. This budget amendment request is to appropriate a total of $86,863 to Buncombe County Schools (75,863) and Asheville City Schools (11,000). The funding is to cover the overtime portion of approximately 265 personnel across both systems to operate the meal operations during the noted time period.

Details on the sites are outlined below:

**Buncombe County Meal Sites**

**Breakfast:** 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**Lunch:** 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- Barnardsville Elementary
- Black Mountain Primary
- Charles D. Owen High
- Emma Elementary
- Haw Creek Elementary
- Hominy Valley Elementary
- Johnston Elementary
- North Windy Ridge Intermediate
- Oakley Elementary
- W.W. Estes Elementary
- Weaverville Elementary
- West Buncombe Elementary
- Woodfin Elementary
Asheville City Meal Service

Deliver meals from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM to the community centers at:
- Pisgah View Apartments
- Hillcrest Apartments
- Klondyke Apartments
- Livingston Street stops at
  - 11:30 AM - Noon: Herb Watts Park
  - 12:15 - 12:45 PM: The Wesley Grant Center
  - 1:00 - 1:30 PM: Walton Street Park

Additionally, Isaac Dickson Elementary School and Hall Fletcher Elementary School will have a drive-thru option should families prefer a grab and go meal. Isaac Dickson's site will be open from 2:00 - 4:00 PM

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**
Approve budget amendment

**County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:**
County Manager recommends as presented