Listening Sessions

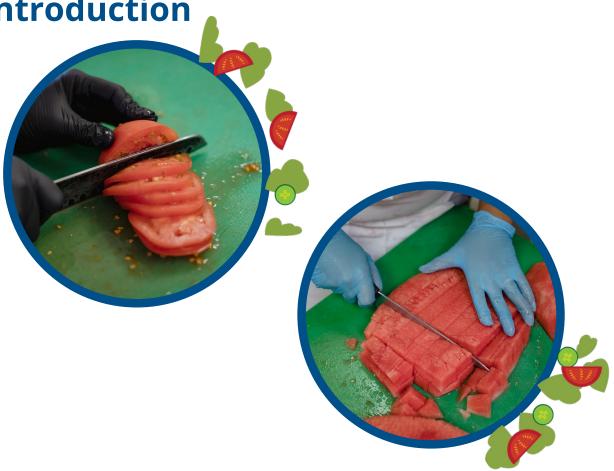
SB4 Kids Kitchens Healthy Meals Rule Making Process

FOOD INITIATIVE



Welcome & Team Introduction





What is a healthy meal?

- Our initiative will emphasize healthy, freshly prepared, and New Mexicosourced meals.
- We believe that a healthy school meal should be appetizing, educational, freshly prepared, minimally processed, New Mexicosourced, student and familyinformed, and culturally responsive.
- Healthy meal improvement requirements will be determined through the rulemaking process.





How does it work?



Healthy, free meals for all - To ensure that every New Mexico student has access to high quality meals at no cost, the state will cover the price for all meals without consideration of students' eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meals. A tiered, performance-based reimbursement will result in higher quality meals for all New Mexico students.

Estimated cost: \$30 million

New Mexico Grown incentive - The state is taking this one step further by incentivizing schools to purchase even more local, high-quality, and healthy ingredients from New Mexico farmers, ranchers, and food businesses.

Estimated cost: \$2 million

School kitchen infrastructure improvemen

- Invest in school kitchen equipment and
upgrades so that schools have what they
need to prepare more healthy,
scratch-cooked meals for students.

Estimated cost: \$20 million

School nutrition workforce and infrastructure investment - Support collaboration between universities, colleges, and other essential organizations to improve K-12 meal quality and strengthen nutrition workforce pathways in K-12 settings.

Estimated cost: \$400,000



Food waste prevention and rescue Schools will achieve the lowest level of
food waste by ensuring longer seat time
for students in grades K-5, and rescuing
food for reuse when possible.

Estimated cost: \$0





Topic Areas for Today

- New Mexico Grown Purchasing and Processing Locally
- Freshly Prepared Scratch Cooked Meals
- Engagement of Student and Family Voice
- Food & Nutrition Education
- Food Waste
- Certification Process













Rulemaking Timeline

Tentative Rulemaking Timeline	
Planning, drafting, and stakeholder engagement	December, 2023
Submit Notice and Rule Draft to the New Mexico Register	February 29, 2024
Notice and Rule Draft are published and public comment begins	March 12, 2024
Tribal Input Session	To be determined
Public Hearing	April 16, 2024
Submit Final Rule Draft to the New Mexico Register	April 25, 2024
Publication of Rule	May 7, 2024
Effective Date	May 7, 2024

*Dates are based on the New Mexico Register's 2023 Rulemaking Schedule. The 2024 Rulemaking Schedule has not been published yet.











Let's Begin







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