

# Choosing a Service Model

Below are questions to consider when deciding which service model is right for your charter school:

## Operations

- ☐ What **meal programs** would you like to offer? Breakfast, Lunch, Snack, Special Milk, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program.
- ☐ What does your **facility** look like? Can you prepare meals out of the space, or do you need to bring food in.
- ☐ Do you have the **equipment** needed to accommodate cooking from scratch versus hot holding or cold holding vended food?
- ☐ Will you do any **wellness initiatives** other than what is required?
- ☐ Do you have the proper **power** to accommodate commercial equipment? If not, what will that upgrade cost?
- ☐ **Where** will you serve your meals?
- ☐ Do you have power and **internet** for your point of sale computer? Will you need wireless service?
- ☐ **How many students** will participate? The more students the more staff you will need to move the line quickly.

## Funding

- ☐ What **start up costs** will you have? Equipment, Point of Sale software, facility upgrades, etc.
- ☐ Will you be including **labor cost** in the price per meal or will you separate the two?
- ☐ Will you allow students to charge meals? If so, how negative will you allow students to go? What will your **unpaid balance policy** be?
- ☐ Is your school prepared to **subsidize** with the general fund if your Nutrition Account is negative?

## Staffing

- ☐ Do you have the **staff and administrative support** needed to have a successful nutrition program?
- ☐ Who will be responsible for **administrative duties**?
- ☐ Will the janitor help with **cleaning and removing trash**?
- ☐ **Who** will serve and run the point of sale computer at the end of the line? Do you need to hire someone?
- ☐ If you are going to prepare food on site, do you have **staff who are knowledgeable** about cooking, food safety, and using commercial equipment?

As your School Food Authority, CSI is here to help! Call or email our Director of School Nutrition for a free consultation at (720)765-2981 or [IleneAgustin@csi.state.co.us](mailto:IleneAgustin@csi.state.co.us).