

### **-Food Service Budget Highlights-**

-The Food Service Director continues to look for ways to reduce the overall cost of the operation. Since 2013-2014, amount of money transferred from the general fund to support the operation has decreased by 60%. (\$160,000 transferred in 2013-2014 budget year; compared to \$64,000.00 transferred in the 2016-2017 budget year).

-The Food Service Budget also includes the salary and benefits for the Food Service Director. Other districts simply absorb this cost in with salaries and benefits budgeted for the Act 93 Management group. In Halifax, this cost is included in the Food Service budget in an effort to show the full cost of running a school based food and nutrition program.

-As the district's free and reduced lunch rate continues to climb, so does the amount of aid it receives from the federal school lunch program. HASD's food service program maximizes the funding it receives, while continuing to keep food prices at a reasonable cost to students and families.

- The rising costs of PSERS and health insurance impact the district's ability to control the salary and benefit costs of the food service staff. Administration believes the food service program is on track to become a self-supporting enterprise as full-time workers retire and are replaced with part-time employees. Best practice among school district food service programs is to employ a part-time work force for the majority of the positions.

-Local revenue has decreased since the *Adult Lunch* price was increased from \$3.50 to \$4.75 during the current school year. Fewer and fewer adults are purchasing this option, as it has become more cost effective for them to pack or purchase the ala carte items.

