Manning Regional Child Care Association

Manning Early Learning & Child Care Nutrition Program Policy

The Nutrition Program is an optional initiative designed to provide high-quality meals to enrolled participants, supporting nutritional well-being and fostering healthy habits. This program is being implemented in response to the majority preference expressed by parents and operates on a cost-recovery basis. The program will continue to include special treats for special days, ie Easter, Christmas, Halloween etc. plus the "Farm to Table" component linked to "Friday Treats".

Key Policy Highlights:

1. Enrollment and Opt-Out Options:
    - ○ Parents may opt into the Nutrition Program at any time during the year.
    - ○ Opt-out requests will be accepted at the end of each program year, effective April 1.

2. Cost Management:
    - ○ The program will be managed to cover all staffing and food expenses.
    - ○ Staffing costs are fixed and non-negotiable.
    - ○ Food costs will be regularly evaluated to maintain quality while optimizing expenses.

3. Annual Budgeting:
    - ○ Annual budget forecasts will ensure program sustainability and accurate cost predictions.
    - ○ Program fees will be determined based on projected staffing and food costs for the upcoming year.

4. Commitment to Quality:
    - ○ Balanced, nutritious meals will be provided in adherence to health guidelines.

5. Parental Communication:
    - ○ Regular updates regarding program costs, meal options, and policies will be shared with parents.