



Agenda for the Common Good in Jeffco Schools

Healthy School Meals

- Last year, CCG worked to pass Healthy Schools for All at the state level. Phase 2 of Healthy School Meals for All includes creating a parent/student advisory board and state funding for local food, kitchen equipment, and staff wages. *CCG proposes that the district opt into phase 2 of the program to get access to the additional funding for healthy food.*
- Students often express an inability to eat their lunch in the time allotted to them, leading to unhealthy habits. *CCG proposes giving students a full 20 minutes to eat starting when the last student sits down and classifying meal time as instructional time.*
- Currently, there are policies in place that tie pay for JeffCo food service workers to total sales of food, including junk food like chips and ice cream. *CCG proposes removing all incentives for selling junk food in JeffCo Schools.*
- This year, JeffCo is piloting healthy school meals in Edgewater. This pilot features cultural family recipes made from scratch with local ingredients in school cafeterias. *CCG proposes to expand the healthy school meals pilot program into 3 additional articulation areas.*

Safe Staffing for Students

- A severe staffing shortage is affecting students who need the services of ESPs, especially those most vulnerable students, and has led to outsourcing of those services. *CCG proposes to increase wages for paraeducators and other Education Support Professional staff who directly serve our students.*
- Educators and parents are concerned about increased outsourcing of student-facing jobs to private companies with limited accountability. *CCG proposes working with school board members, district staff, and members of JCEA and JESPA to develop a plan to end outsourcing in the district by the end of the 2025 school year, with a focus on ending contracts with Hop Skip Drive and other transportation companies as well as contracted Para-educators and teachers.*