Child Nutrition Landscape Analysis

The Learning Accelerator (TLA) conducted a national landscape scan, reviewing resources regarding child nutrition that could be used in both traditional and online learning settings. The landscape analysis resulted in a comprehensive overview of available child nutrition funding sources, services, and community organizations that also service the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The chart below is **organized by type of resource, including nutrition funding programs, nutritional service/vendors, and community partners.** Each resource is alphabetized for ease of use.

Note: An asterisk (*) indicates the resource was recommended by TEC Connections Academy (TECCA) for review. A checkmark (✅) indicates the resource is recommended as a potential good fit based on TECCA's specific child nutrition needs.

✅Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	Nutrition Progr...	The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal program that provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults who are enrolled for care at participating childcare centers, daycare homes, and adult daycare centers. CACFP also provides reimbursements for meals served to children and youth participating in after-school care programs, children residing in emergency shelters, and adults over the age of 60 or living with a disability and enrolled in daycare facilities. CACFP contributes to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children and adults in the United States.
✅Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	Nutrition Progr...	Community Eligibility Provision is a new, innovative provision that allows high-need schools to serve free meals to all students while alleviating the administrative burden of collecting paper applications. Community Eligibility allows for a healthier student body and a healthier school meal budget. To be eligible, LEAs and/or schools must: ● Meet a minimum level of "identified students" for free meals in the year prior to implementing Community Eligibility; ● Agree to serve free breakfast and lunches to all students; and ● Agree to cover, with non-federal funds, any costs of providing free meals to students above the amounts provided by federal assistance. Identified students are:

		• Directly certified students and extension of direct certification benefits to other household members
		• Homeless students certified as such by the district liaison
		• Migrant youth certified by local officials
		• Runaway youth certified by local officials
		• Head Start students
		• Foster children, certified based on documentation from their foster child case worker
		
		Application process deadlines:
		• March:
		  ○ Participate in the CEP Webinar series to learn about the options and requirements for CEP in Massachusetts.
		• April 1-15:
		  ○ The Office for Food and Nutrition Programs (FNP) notifies LEAs of district-wide eligibility status and provides guidance and information to LEAs interested in CEP.
		  ○ LEAs must submit school-level eligibility information to FNP.
		• May 1:
		  ○ FNP posts LEA district-wide and school-level lists.
		• June 30:
		  ○ Interested and eligible LEAs must notify FNP of their intent to participate under CEP.
		  ○ Interested and eligible LEAs must submit identified student and total enrollment data (reflective of enrollment on April 1) to FNP in order to participate in CEP the following year.
		  ○ LEAs participating in CEP must notify FNP if they intend to stop their participation for the following school year.

National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	Nutrition Progr...	NSLP is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential childcare institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or no-cost lunches to children each school day. The program was

		established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1946. Additional Resources: Program Fact Sheet; MA-specific guidance for schools servicing pre-K students and infants.
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	Nutrition Progr...	The School Breakfast Program (SBP) provides reimbursement to states to operate nonprofit breakfast programs in schools and residential childcare institutions. The Food and Nutrition Service administers the SBP at the federal level, while state education agencies administer the SBP at the state level, and local school food authorities operate the program in specific schools. Additional Resource: Program Fact Sheet
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	Nutrition Progr...	The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally funded, state-administered program. The USDA reimburses program operators who serve no-cost, healthy meals and snacks to children and teens. Meals are served at summer sites in low-income communities, where sponsors often also offer enrichment activities, or – in approved rural communities facing access issues – may be provided via grab-and-go pickup points or delivery. Additional Resource: Program Fact Sheet
*City Fresh	Nutrition Servi...	Delivers food to homebound seniors, schools, after-school programs, childcare centers, and adult day care centers throughout Eastern MA.
*Epicurean Feast	Nutrition Servi...	Provides in-person school dining services in addition to corporate catering, micro-markets, coffee services, and more. Located in and services MA.

Feast and Fettle	Nutrition Servi...	Provides high-quality meals prepared locally and hand-delivered to homes. Requires a subscription and weekly menu selections. Headquartered in RI, services MA
*Fresh Picks	Nutrition Servi...	Responsive to accessibility needs, community food safety, and budgetary needs to deliver the right quality for the value, at the right price. Offers seasonal food services to seasonal facilities (e.g., locations providing summer camps). Previously worked with conferences, camps, and organizations and clubs such as the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. Located in Manchester, NH, serving school districts across New England.
✅*Genuine Foods	Nutrition Servi...	Serves K-12 schools, higher education, senior, and hospital facilities and communities including meal pick-up or delivery, hybrid meals (flexible meal service for online learning days and in-person days). Also provides on-site cooking with the ability to quickly transition schools to cooking in-house. Aims to serve high-needs communities, and is focused on serving culturally relevant, high-quality foods that nourish people (even during times of crisis) using local, seasonal ingredients as often as possible. Located in NY, serving schools in MA.
*iCater	Nutrition Servi...	Provides nutritious meal service to nonprofit and congregate meal providers in the greater Boston area, as well as corporate catering.
*SAGE dining	Nutrition Servi...	Offers event catering services and school nutrition services, including on-site healthy lifestyle and food education programming. Offers services in MA.

*Southwest Food Service	Nutrition Servi...	Provides on-site student meals, faculty meal plans, mobile payment options, “mom-picked” meals, all-day fresh fruit stations, pop-up concepts, team dining experiences, and the implementation of plant-based menus. Does not service MA.
✅*Stockpot Malden	Nutrition Servi...	Provides and serves bulk portions to be distributed by school staff, or unitized meals that replicate a current vendor’s model so that no major change is needed in a school’s infrastructure or staffing. Also can provide snacks for students to take home at the end of an after-school program. Has experience working with USDA reimbursement meals that meet all required CACFP program guidelines and meal-pattern requirements. Can provide staffing required to reheat and serve the meals, and manage all aspects of cleanliness and food safety in the kitchen and the associated storage areas. Additionally, can work with clients on all required logistics (i.e., equipment, delivery logistics, utensils, calendar). Located in MA.
✅*Till/ Essence of Thyme	Nutrition Servi...	Prepares and delivers nearly 800,000 breakfasts, lunches, and snacks each year to partner schools and organizations. Located in MA.
*TRIO Community Meals	Nutrition Servi...	Provides senior nutrition programs by customizing congregate and home-delivered meal programs.
*Revolution Foods	Nutrition Servi...	Offers over 40 unique chef-crafted meals prepared to client preferences – individually wrapped, buffet style, or bagged for field trips. Six lunch options offered daily, meeting the diverse needs of all students, including allergen-friendly meals. Only services CA.

*Whitsons Culinary Group	Nutrition Servi...	Provides on-site dining and meal delivery to provide high-quality, freshly prepared meals off-site to school programs without onsite facilities. Research team contacted this source but did not receive a response to clarify the exact region or areas of service.
✅Food Bank of Western Massachusetts	Community Par...	Provides a Mobile Food Bank that delivers a truck full of free, fresh, and non-perishable groceries from a warehouse directly to a community site for immediate distribution to residents. There are no eligibility requirements to receive food from the Mobile Food Bank; anyone in need of assistance can receive services. Serves Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties.
✅Greater Boston Food Bank	Community Par...	Offers opportunities for partnership for organizations operating a feeding program, food pantry, or other program that distributes food for those in need. There are different criteria for an agency or a pantry; a pantry has the option to distribute from a set location or deliver to clients' homes on a schedule. This is an opportunity to partner with a local agency (such as a community college) for storage space and to distribute meals.
✅Jee Foods Pantry	Community Par...	Operates the food pantry out of the Ross Local School District Intermediate School. They strive to provide an array of fresh and dry grocery items, pet food, and personal care items. Guests are welcome to visit the pantry once per two weeks and can reside anywhere in Butler County. During pickup, guests can either select items inside or have food delivered to their car.
✅Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc.	Community Par...	Provides a list of feeding programs – pantries, meals, and shelters, listed by town. Serves select communities in MA and Southern NH. Additional Resource: Pantry Schedules

✅Project Bread	Community Par...	Provides informative, local, free food resources, including school meals, Summer Eats, SNAP, WIC, P-EBT, food pantries, and Meals on Wheels (for seniors).
✅Worcester County Food Bank	Community Par...	Provides an Agency Locator tool to identify the nearest food pantry or community meal program. Serves Worcester County.
*John C. Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition	Training	Offers training on how to implement school meal programs including after-school and National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs in MA.

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