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**INFORMATION ITEM**

<b><i>SUBJECT</i></b>	Free and Reduced Lunch Rates in Allegheny County Public Schools
<b><i>RATIONALE</i></b>	This is the current information regarding student eligibility for free and reduced lunch as of October 31, 2015. The same information is presented for the previous three years.
<b><i>ESTIMATED COSTS</i></b>	0.00
<b><i>BUDGET CATEGORY</i></b>	Instruction
<b><i>LEGAL REFERENCE</i></b>	§ 22.1-253.13:3. Standard 3-Standards of Quality Standard 3.A.2
<b><i>STAFF CONTACTS</i></b>	Mary Jane Mutispaugh
<b><i>SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION</i></b>	

Documents related to the Board's discussion of the:

To: Eugene P. Kotulka, Superintendent  
 Members of Allegheny County School Board

From: Mary Jane Mutispaugh, Director of Instruction

Subject: Free and Reduced Lunch Rates in Allegheny County Public Schools

The free and reduced lunch rates in Allegheny County Public Schools have been steadily climbing over the past few years. We currently have one school with a rate above 50%. The division average has increased slightly this year. I offer the following comparison of rates for October 2015 with rates from the same time the previous three years.

	October 2015	October 2014	October 2013	October 2012
Allegheny High School	39.80%	35.98%	32.85%	32.17%
Clifton Middle School	49.39%	49.81%	43.83%	46.02%
Callaghan	48.84%	50.00%	50.87%	51.18%
Mountain View	58.85%	57.38%	55.57%	62.78%
Sharon	46.43%	51.79%	56.94%	55.90%
Division Total	47.86%	46.83%	44.71%	44.89%

As you know, it is important to monitor this information as these free and reduced lunch students and the Medicaid eligible students comprise the economically disadvantaged subgroup of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act accountability. For 2015-2016, when a subgroup reaches 30 students of the tested population, the subgroup becomes a factor in determining Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO). In Title I schools, the free and reduced lunch rate also determines the kindergarten through third grade class size maximum for eligibility for Class Size Reduction funds. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.