

Dear School Nutrition Directors,

Many districts face issues maintaining adequate school level staffing to prepare and serve school meals. With this situation in mind, there is an innovative program that addresses two of Georgia's main challenges - high school dropout rates and workforce development. Great Promise Partnership (GPP) is an initiative of the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) in the Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Department (CTAE). GPP is the work-based learning placement for students in danger of not graduating providing an educational opportunity which allow students to receive on-the-job training and life skills.

This partnership started to have success before the pandemic. Now that students are back in school, consider this option where these students would work in your school cafeterias. The ideal option would be for these high school students to work in either the elementary or middle school cafeterias, allowing them to not be in the position of serving peers. These students would receive academic credit through Work-based Learning and would be paid for their work from the School Nutrition Program.

**Not only will this program help these students gain transferable skills while earning a much-needed paycheck, but it will also help with developing a workforce pipeline for your school nutrition program.**

GPP is here to help by working with you, your school district, and the Work-based Learning Department to facilitate successful implementation of the program.

Attached is more information about GPP. Please feel free to contact me or your GPP Regional Coordinator ([firstname@gppartnership.org](mailto:firstname@gppartnership.org)) if you are interested in learning more.

Thank you,



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