

**SBBC Rationale for Not Participating In The Ms. Willie Ann Glenn Act
Florida House Bill #227**

History: The purpose of the law is to increase participation in the Summer Feeding Program in districts that do not make efforts to participate.

School boards may be exempt from participating in the act by including the issue on an agenda at a school board meeting that is publicly noticed, provides residents an opportunity to participate in the discussion, and votes to be exempt from this section. The district school board shall notify the Commissioner of Education within 10 days after it decides to become exempt.

Recommended Action: Vote to disapprove the Ms Willie Ann Glenn Act for Summer 2014

PLANKS WITHIN THE ACT	SBBC RATIONALE FOR NOT PARTICIPATING
a. Sponsor a summer feeding site within at least one elementary school at which 50% or more of students are eligible for free or reduced price meals and for the duration of 35 consecutive days.	a. Approximately 50 schools at which 50% or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced meals will be open for summer feeding this year. Also, at least 12 not-for-profit agencies will be sponsors. Additionally, it will create a hardship on the SBBC to recruit an outside agency to sponsor summer feeding in a location that is not in a Broward County school site. Monitoring to ensure that the site is operated for the correct number of days would be the responsibility of the Food and Nutrition Services Department.
b. Except as operated pursuant to paragraph (a), within 10 miles of each elementary school with 50% or more of the students eligible for free or reduced price meals, sponsor summer feeding sites for the duration of 35 consecutive days.	b. Approximately 50 schools at which 50% or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced meals will be open for summer feeding this year. Additionally, it will create a hardship on the SBBC to recruit outside agencies to sponsor summer feeding in a location that are not in a Broward County school site. Also, we have approximately 50 sites open for summer feeding where 50% or more of students are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Recruiting organizations to participate and monitoring to ensure that the sites operate for the correct number of days would be the responsibility of the Food and Nutrition Services Department.

<p>c. The superintendent of schools may collaborate with municipal and county governmental agencies and private, not-for-profit, leaders in implementing the plan. Although schools have proven to be the optimal site for a summer nutrition program, any not-for-profit entity may serve as a site or sponsor. By April 15 of each year, each school district with a summer nutrition program shall report to the Department (DOA) the district's summer nutrition program sites in compliance with this section.</p>	<p>c. This is time consuming for the Superintendent. Not-for-profit agencies usually have not determined their participation as a summer feeding entity by this date. We always have ample District summer feeding sites open to meet student needs. Sites include District sponsored sites and community not-for-profit sites.</p>
<p>d. The Department (DOA) shall provide to each district school board by Feb. 15 of each year, a list of local organizations that have filed letters of intent to participate in the summer nutrition program in order that a district school board is able to determine how many sites are needed to serve the children and where to place each site.</p>	<p>d. Historically, none of the not-for-profit private agencies have demonstrated their commitment to summer feeding. So much depends upon the grant money that each agency applies for and does not necessarily receive.</p>
	<p><u>Conclusion:</u> SBBC does not need to participate in the Ms. Willie Ann Glenn Act in order to ensure an adequate number of summer feeding sites within Broward County; this is already accomplished each summer. The Food and Nutrition Services Department has experienced very low participation when additional sites are open. In the past, sites have been fully staffed to feed 5 or 6 students a day. When this happens, the site is closed and students are directed to a nearby site that is feeding more meals. The requirement to participate in the Ms. Willie Ann Glenn Act would not be a cost effective use of the Food and Nutrition Services Department's resources.</p>