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DATE: Thursday, October 12th, 2017
TO: FFA Students and Parents
FROM: Dana Epley, Lawrence/Nelson Principal
SUBJECT: Beef in the Schools Chili Cook Off

It is hard to believe that the first quarter of the 2017-2018 school year is already done! I wanted to update our FFA students and parents on a few items.

First, Mrs. Trausch will be gone on maternity leave starting the second semester. Blair Hartman will be her long-term sub. Ms. Hartman is currently student teaching at Fillmore Central and is in her final semester of ag education at the University of NE-Lincoln. She has visited the school a couple of times already, and FFA students had the opportunity to meet her at the FFA back-to-school bash.

I am also asking for help from the Lawrence/Nelson FFA students and alumni. On Saturday, October 28, 2017, the FFA alumni are working to host a chili cook-off in Nelson at the American Legion (please see the enclosed flyer). The purpose of this event is to help bring awareness and donations to our Beef in the Schools program. If you are interested in donating to this cause, please contact FFA Alumni President, Teri Pond-Svoboda.

We already have a date reserved on January 10th for our first beef to go in for processing, and are asking for your help in the following way(s) to continue to grow this program:

- All Lawrence/Nelson FFA members are being asked to make and bring 2 gallons of chili to our first ever Chili Cook Off. They will be competing against community members in an effort to show their support for our beef in the schools program. Please have your chili and crackers to the Nelson American Legion by 11 AM (in time for kick off) on this date, and please plan to stay for the activities planned following the chili cook off competition.
- Note that this is the same date that our FFA students will be returning from nationals, so Mrs. Trausch will not be available to help with this, but parents of those attending nationals are encouraged to make their own chili and submit it to the competition even if their child(ren) will not be able to!
- Please help by distributing the enclosed flyer and letter to others, from family members, friends, and community members that you think might be interested in attending or participating in this cook off or in donating beef/money to this cause.

And finally, a huge thank you to the South Central Nebraska Cattlemen for their \$1,000 donation and to the Lawrence/Nelson FFA Alumni for starting this project for our students. We plan to start small (middle/high school students) and our goal is to continue expanding the program to include all students in our district.



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